

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's Day

November 24, 2019

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE - *Now Praise the Lord, My Soul*

D. Buxtehude

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT - *Alleluia, Alleluia*

Native American

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** - (*1 Peter 2:9*)

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people,

**People: In order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who
called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.**

***HYMN 559** - *We Gather Together*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God,
At times we feel so frail and fragile,
getting blown about by the latest
crisis, by bad news, by our own
short tempers and failings. You call
us to hold fast to what is good, but
so often we flounder, unable to find
that solid thing that will center us
again. Help us, we pray.

Help us to see you as our center, and
to cling to the good that you create
in the world Help us to set aside all
our jealousies and prejudices, all of
our betrayals and lies, all that adds
to the world's hurt. Help us to grow
even more into Christ's likeness,
that we will bear his love and truth
to the world. We pray in his name.
Amen. **

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

**People: In Jesus Christ, God calls us by name, claims us in love,
and brings us hope!**

***ASCRPTION OF PRAISE Hymn 473**

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

***PASSING OF PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PROCLAMATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM - *Please see back page*

THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN and CHILDREN'S OFFERING

The children have designated this year's children's offering for the
Heifer Project and Laundry Love.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory, forever. Amen.

***or "Our Creator"**

ANTHEM - *To Everything There is a Season*

Ed Harris

SCRIPTURE READING - *Genesis 2:26-28*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON - *Front Porch Time*

Rev. J. Patrick Vaughn

THE SENDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY - *Now Thank We All Our God*

J. Pachelbel

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- or -

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN 554** - *Let All Things Now Living*

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *Let the Giving of Thanks*

John Bell

***POSTLUDE** - *Now Thank We All Our God*

S. Karg-Elert

****Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.***

*****From resource by Beth Merrill Neel***

The Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn, Pastor

The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Elyssa Michaels, Director of High School & Middle School Youth Groups

The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

Church School & Childcare 10:00 AM

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

November 24, 2019

2019 Crop Walk Results

Thank you all for your support of the 2019 Northern Westchester CROP walk. Despite the rain, we had a great turn out and as of this note, **the walk raised \$14,722!** A portion of this money will go to the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry and to the Community Center of Northern Westchester. The remainder will assist hurricane, refugee and other hunger relief efforts in the US and abroad. I'm looking forward to a successful year in 2020! Alison Cape

Millie Kane Luncheon - The Holidays are Approaching!

This year's luncheon for senior citizens in our community will be held on **December 11th**. We're looking for volunteers to provide appetizers and desserts for the guests. If you can help, please contact:

Vickie Dey at vdey1@optonline.net or **914-419-9062**.

These two Holiday Giving Opportunities will be available to everyone in Fellowship Hall following the Sunday services.

A-HOME - The A-HOME organization works within Westchester County to provide safe and affordable housing. For the past number of years, BPC has purchased gifts for the men who live at the Heffner House in Mt. Kisco. Come take a star, purchase the gift, and return it on Sunday or to the BPC office. Stars will be available on the following Sundays: 12/1 and 12/8. All stars and gifts must be returned by Wednesday, 12/11.

DOVE TREE - A perennial presence during the month of December, the Dove Tree offers a variety of giving opportunities, ranging from hooded sweatshirts for the Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) to loads of laundry for Laundry Love, one of our newest outreach efforts. This is a great opportunity for families and individuals to assist in the ongoing work of the church. Select a gift, write down your name, and give either cash or check to the people working the Dove Tree. The Dove Tree will first be up during the Mistletoe Mart (12/7) and then on the following Sundays: 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22.

13 Days Left to the Mistletoe Mart!

Mistletoe Mart can't be missed. Let's keep this tradition going, as it can't happen without you! You are sure to find the perfect gift! Plan on coming Saturday, Dec. 7th between 9 am – 3 pm. Santa's Holiday Shop will have plenty of things for the kids to buy. Don't miss the chili, as we are almost famous for it along with our popular bake sale. See the quilt and purchase your tickets. Thank you for supporting the Mart which uses the profits raised to support the many missions the church is involved in such as

A-HOME, Hope's Door, Neighbor's Link, Open Door and the Youth work trips to name just a few. Call or text **Julia (Judy) Newton** at **914-523-1324** or email at julianewton@yahoo.com.

Wreath Decorating, Hot Cider and Fellowship

Our most popular activity is led by **Mary Lou Pappas** (our in-house florist extraordinaire) on **Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 9:30 am**. Decorate your own wreath to buy that day or prepare it for sale for the Mart and its mission. No experience necessary. Ribbons and bows await!

Bake Sale

Delicious homemade goodies are needed to sell at the Mistletoe Mart on **Dec. 7th**. This is a favorite stop for everyone. Please make some of your favorite treats and bring them in to make it another successful year. If you would like to help the day of the sale or have questions, contact:

Sharon Seidell at **914-522-2108**.

Santa's Holiday Shop

We are collecting items such as candles, vases, figurines, Christmas ornaments, unused soaps, perfume, lotions, scarves, ties, costume jewelry, etc. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please call **Harriette Scott** at **914-960-0420** or email to loscott2@optonline.net to let her know.

Third Mistletoe Mart Meeting

A meeting to make final plans for the 2019 Mistletoe Mart (to be held Dec. 7th) will be held **Today**, following our 10:00 am service. This is an opportunity to support and organize the 2019 Mart. Your help and ideas are greatly appreciated. Please come and bring your ideas, concerns, expertise and support. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to contribute your ideas and/or time, please email **Julia (Judy) Newton** at julianewton@yahoo.com.

Chili Makers Needed!

A highlight of Mistletoe Mart is purchasing a hot bowl of chili with all the fixings. We need MANY chili makers to make this happen! We need both Meat and Vegetarian Chili and recipes are available. For more information Please contact **Elyssa Michaels** at youthgroup@bedfordpreschurch.org.

Childcare

Childcare *during worship* is available in Room #11 for children under the age of kindergarten.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the church this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of **Hannah Jo Sinak**, born on July 15, 2019, given by her parents, Margie & Jeff Sinak.



Coffee Hour

A big thank you to **Barbara Kanner** for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

Communion

Our next Communion is **Sunday, December 1st**.
Communion will be held during Worship on the

1st Sunday of every other month.

Worship Update

Have you wondered why we place the prayers of the people and the offering after the sermon? These are responses to the proclamation that we hear in the reading of scripture and the sermon. God speaks to us, and then we respond with our prayers and our gifts. From the earliest days of the church through the Reformation, Christian worship has been characterized by this movement from divine activity to human response.

This pattern shifted by the 18th century. In a reaction against the perceived influence of Catholicism, and, especially, in an effort to distance themselves from the state sponsored Church of England, Presbyterians combined the various prayers into one long prayer. That prayer and the offering were moved to the middle of the service, and the sermon was placed at the end. The 20th century witnessed a resurgence of interest in following the traditional order of the early church, an order that is now shared by Christians around the world and spanning all major denominations. To help our children live into this pattern of worship, they will now take up the Children's Offering during the choir's first anthem. After hearing the proclamation (The Moment with Children), they will respond with their contributions and service.

Quilt Magic

I'm sure you'll agree it's like magic how a beautiful quilt appears each and every year without fail! How do they do it? This year's quilt, called "Our 40th Anniversary Quilt", measures 98" x 98" and is hand quilted in ruby red and white by the Bedford Presbyterian Church Quilters. Speak to one of our quilters about how you can be part of this tradition for next year. Look for your raffle tickets that are mailed to all church members. We hope we can count on every single member of the congregation to show their support by getting tickets. Mr. and Mrs. Claus have already purchased theirs. A book of 5 tickets is \$20, 1 ticket is \$5. If you do not receive your tickets (as sometimes we are short an elf or two), please contact **Jeanne Morrison** at **914-234-3581** or rjmorr145@verizon.net.

Coffee Hour

In order to simplify our coffee hour process, we will ask for just one family to sign up to host each of the Sundays. The Deacons will have, in stock at the church, items to put out for the children's table (and the coffee and tea setup will remain the same). Commitment to hosting the adult table will consist of providing a 1/2-1 gallon of milk for the coffee and 3-4 food items of your choice (and you will be emailed the instruction sheet the Monday before you host). We also welcome monetary donations to support the cost of providing the items for the children's table! Please indicate in the subject line of your check, "Coffee Hour".

In order to streamline the signup and communications process, we have set up a 'SignUpGenius' email, which many of you have utilized in the past. That link can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a5ab2ea6fa7-coffee>

Or you can contact:

Deacon Blakely Brodbeck at blakelybrodbeck@gmail.com or **917-374-2538** to sign up for a Sunday of your choice. Sign-up sheets will also be available following worship services.

We thank you for serving the congregation in this way--this act of hospitality is so important to the life of the congregation and your help is greatly appreciated!

in the short-term, we need support for December 1st

Help beautify our sanctuary to celebrate Christmas this year!

Consider making a dedication to honor a loved one or to celebrate friends and family. Dedications will be printed on inserts in the Christmas Eve bulletins. The **suggested contribution for each dedication is \$50.00** and will go toward poinsettias, garlands, wreaths and Christmas trees for our sanctuary.

To place your dedication, please contact the church office at:

234-3672 x1001 x1001 or office@bedfordpreschurch.org

Please call and send your checks to the office **no later than December 17th** so we may acknowledge your dedication.

Cookie Walk - One Day only!

Saturday, December 7th from 10 am to 4 pm

Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Stop by the Pound Ridge Community Church for your holiday cookies, soups, and other delectable treats. Afterwards, head on by the Mistletoe Mart at the

Bedford Presbyterian Church from

9 am - 3 pm for beautiful, handcrafted, one-of-a-kind gifts!

Pies, candies, breads, foods-to-go and more!

Beautiful quilt to raffle!

Plenty of Parking. Help support the mission projects of the church women.

3 Pound Ridge Road at the intersection of Routes 137& 172 besides Pound Ridge Elementary School

www.PoundRidgeCommunityChurch.org

914-764-9000

Community Thanksgiving Program

The Thanksgiving program provides over 3,000 holiday dinners for families in need in Westchester. Many items and donation of time are needed. It's a wonderful event and any help is appreciated.

To sign up to donate items or to volunteer your time,

Please email **Gary Cohn** at Opportunitytohelp@gmail.com

Events for the Week

Today, November 24

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary) Rev. J. Patrick Vaughn
11:00 AM Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, November 25

7:15 PM Bellringers (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 26

10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (Conference Room)
7:15 PM AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, Nov. 28

Thanksgiving – OFFICE CLOSED
7:15 PM AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, Nov. 29

OFFICE CLOSED
6:45 PM AA Women (Chapel)

Saturday, November 30

7:15 PM AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)

*Love Your Neighbor
Teach Our Children
Never Stop Learning*

*Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9 am – 3 pm
NYS Notary Public available during Office Hours*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

THE BAPTISM

THE WELCOME

Leader: Hannah has been received into the one holy, catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has embraced her as a member of the household of God, to share with us the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love you, to encourage you and to support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ. May the peace of God be with you always.

HYMN - *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise HYFRYDOL*

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has healed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
Child of God, your loving parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.