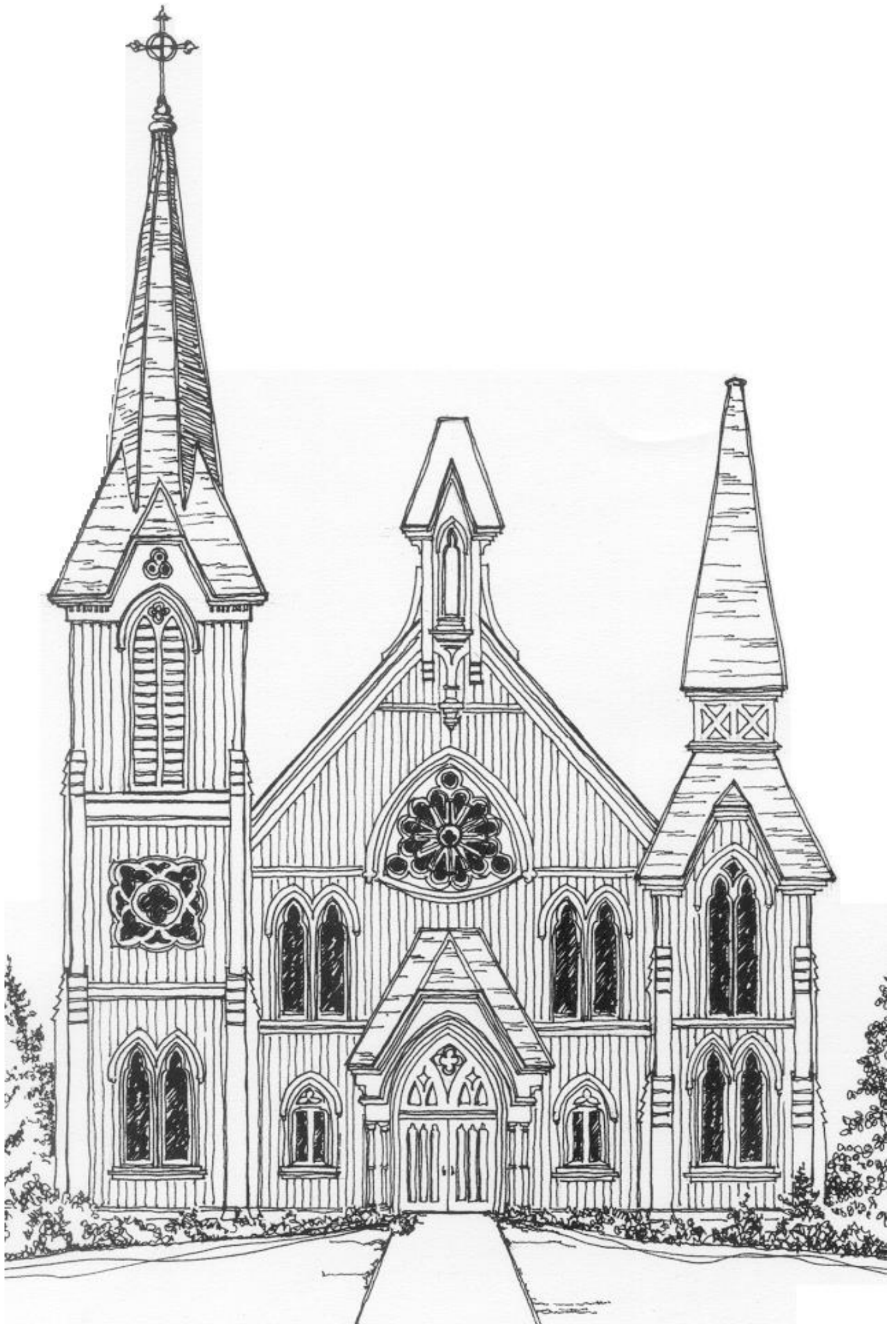


BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's Day

January 19, 2020

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE – *This Day, Which is so filled with Joy*

J.S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*

African-American Spiritual

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** - (*Psalm 118:24*)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN 371** – *Lift High the Cross*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:

Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,

That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,

Paths that lead to dread and death.

Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,

Life that is abundant and eternal,

Life that began at the creation of all things.

Forgive us, turn us to the right path,

and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.

We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. 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 404**

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

***PASSING OF PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN and CHILDREN'S OFFERING

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

ANTHEM - *All My Trials*

Spiritual arr. N. Luboff

THE PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING – *Deuteronomy 5:1-21*

SERMON – *But What About Grace?*

J. Patrick Vaughn

***HYMN 172** – *My Shephard Will Supply My Need*

THE SENDING

MOMENT for MINISTRY

Food Bank, Mac Hurry

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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"**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *At The River* Traditional American arr. A. Copland

***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.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN 361** – *How Firm a Foundation*

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *May the Lord, Mighty God* Chinese folk

POSTLUDE - *We Shall Overcome*

J. McGregor

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

**** Beth Merrill Neel**

The Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn, Interim 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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Announcements for the Week of January 19th - 25th

Notice of a Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on **January 26th** immediately following worship for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

About the Pastor Nominating Committee:

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is representative of the whole congregation and elected by the congregation. It has the responsibility for nominating a minister to the congregation for election as the next pastor.

Over a number of months, the PNC will journey through the pastoral search process, seeking to discern who God is calling to be our next pastor. In the pastoral call process, the PNC's responsibilities include: Completing the congregation's MIF (Ministry Information Form) and submitting it to Session and Presbytery for approval; Entering the approved MIF online with Church Leadership Connection (CLC) for access and review by potential candidates; Receiving, reading, and evaluating Personal Information Forms (PIFs) in a spirit of prayerful openness to the movement of God's Spirit; Regularly providing reports to the congregation on the pastoral search progress; Narrowing the field of prospective pastors through listening to sermons, checking references (by both the PNC and the Presbytery), and phone or video conference interviews—all while sharing, listening, and praying together; Interviewing face-to-face the "short list" of prospective pastors, providing for a welcoming and hospitable visit to your church community; Arranging with the Presbytery for the necessary examinations and approvals of your finalists; Selecting one nominee to present to the congregation and negotiating the terms of call; Obtaining Presbytery approval of the call; Presenting the nominee to the congregation for its vote.

The Congregation's Role in the Call Process:

The responsibilities of the congregation are no less important than those of the other participants in the pastoral call process. The responsibilities of the congregation include: Continuing to support the ministry of the church through prayer, participation, and financial support during the time of pastoral transition; Electing the PNC; Praying regularly for the PNC; Electing the new pastor and approving the terms of call; Welcoming the new pastor as the ministry begins.

The Selection:

Throughout the entire transition process, great care has been taken to ensure that the entire congregation has been represented. As many families as possible have been included - on the Interim Search Committee, on the Welcoming Committee, on the Mission/Vision Study Committee and in the focus groups associated with the Vision Study - members for decades, members who have joined more recently, members with young children, members with grown children who have grown up in our CE program, people who are single, people who are married, people who have grown up in our CE program, people who have attended our work trips, people in the Choir, Deacons and Session members past and present, men and women, younger and older, people who teach Sunday Spirit, people who usher, or people who participate in our many programs: Spirituality Groups, Pub Theology, Bells, Choir, Crop Walks, Mistletoe Mart, Neighbor's Link, the Westchester Youth Alliance, the Food Pantry, ESP, Bible studies, Rewarding Potential Scholars . . . As we now select a Pastor Nominating Committee, we continue to keep that inclusive objective.

In addition, care has been taken to ensure that the skills necessary for this process, including interviewing, reading, listening, legal training, Presbyterian polity experience and human resource experience, finance, psychology and sociology, have all been included. The ability to be good listeners, collaborators, and team members will be essential for the PNC to complete its work. The Session has carefully balanced the PNC with these characteristics.

In addition to all of these characteristics, time, energy, and stamina are critical. This process is a lot of work!

However, while the PNC will be representative of the entire congregation, it is important to note that the members of the PNC are not representatives of any particular group. Their task will be to work as a team to identify the best possible candidate for our whole congregation and community.

The nominees for the PNC are:

Judy Aydelott, Linda Burpee, Lila Cummings, Laurie Fancher
Michelle Gosh, Don Hiller- Dupont, Chris Keeffe,
Sharon Seidell and Matt Valenti

We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday, January 26, 2020**
following worship.

The Session
Linda Burpee, Clerk

Each Sunday, we will bring you a “*Did you know?*” about BPC.

Did you know?

With its emphasis on elected representation and checks and balances, the Presbyterian church served as a model when the United States’ system of governance was established.

Coffee Hour

A great big thank you to

Rick & Natasha Mast

for sponsoring Coffee Hour today.

Mistletoe Mart Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting for the 2020 Mistletoe Mart will be held on **Sunday, January 26th**, following our 10:00 am service. We will hopefully be in the Chapel Room. This is an opportunity to decide how to allocate the funds from the 2019 Mart and to brainstorm new ideas and organize the 2020 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 Newton** at julianewton@yahoo.com.

Laundry Love

Laundry Love is always happy to recruit new volunteers and shifts are easy-breezy, just 1.5 hours per month. Choose from 5-6:30pm or 6:30-8pm; mix



and match, or take both, if you'd like! Signing up in advance helps everyone anticipate coverage. Fill in the form in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or contact **Elizabeth Messinger** by phone **914-980-0059** or email LaundryLoveMtKiscoNY@gmail.com.

Join in and wash on!

Annual Report

A reminder to those members who are working on reports for our Annual Meeting. Your reports are due in the BPC office *no later than* **12pm on Thursday January 23rd**.

**CURRENT POSITIONS
DEACONS - COMMITTEES -SESSION**

DEACONS

Wendy Branche
Blakely Brodbeck
Jessica Cunningham
Don Hiller-Dupont
Suzanne Millette
Julia Newton
Amy Drabek
Michelle Eames
Angela Sour
Elyssa Michaels

SESSION

Eric Eichhorn
Jeanne Collins
Alison Cape
Lara DiCorpo
Laurie Fancher
Brian Hiller-Dupont
Alan McDougall
Shirani Ponnambalam
Linda Burpee (Clerk)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Budget and Finance

Eric Eichhorn

Personnel

Sharon Seidell

Property and Maintenance

Norm Michaels & Bing Carlson

Stewardship

Alan McDougall

Membership and Hospitality

Kate Branch

Nominating

Dave Breidenbach

Mission

Chris Perry

Worship and Music

David Burpee

Christian Education

Laurie Fancher

Sunday Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated by **Inger Savitt** “*in loving memory of Bo Hassel.*”

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Contributions & Donations

We are so grateful for our support of our wonderful church. Please clearly mark your checks so that we can apply your contributions/donations to the correct account:
Flowers, Pledges, etc.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Flowers bring beauty to our Sunday morning service and can also be a memorable way to celebrate a special day or a special person in your life. Donating flowers couldn't be easier! Simply contribute \$50 to the church flower fund and create your own dedication line to run in the Sunday bulletin. Then, after worship, you or the person you're celebrating can take the flowers home!



If you are interested, please contact:

Michele Eames at mdeames@optimum.net or **914-715-3223** with any questions. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall following worship services.

Events for the Week

Today, January 19

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

Monday, January 20 **OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 AM Senior Group Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM Adult Bible Study (Conference Room)
7:00 PM Spirituality (Chapel Room)
7:15 PM AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, January 23

9:30 AM Senior Group Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 PM AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 24

6:45 PM AA Women (Chapel)

Saturday, January 25

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

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm

NYS Notary Public available during Office Hours

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Mission Statement

Love Your Neighbor

Teach Our Children

Never Stop Learning

Have a wonderful week.