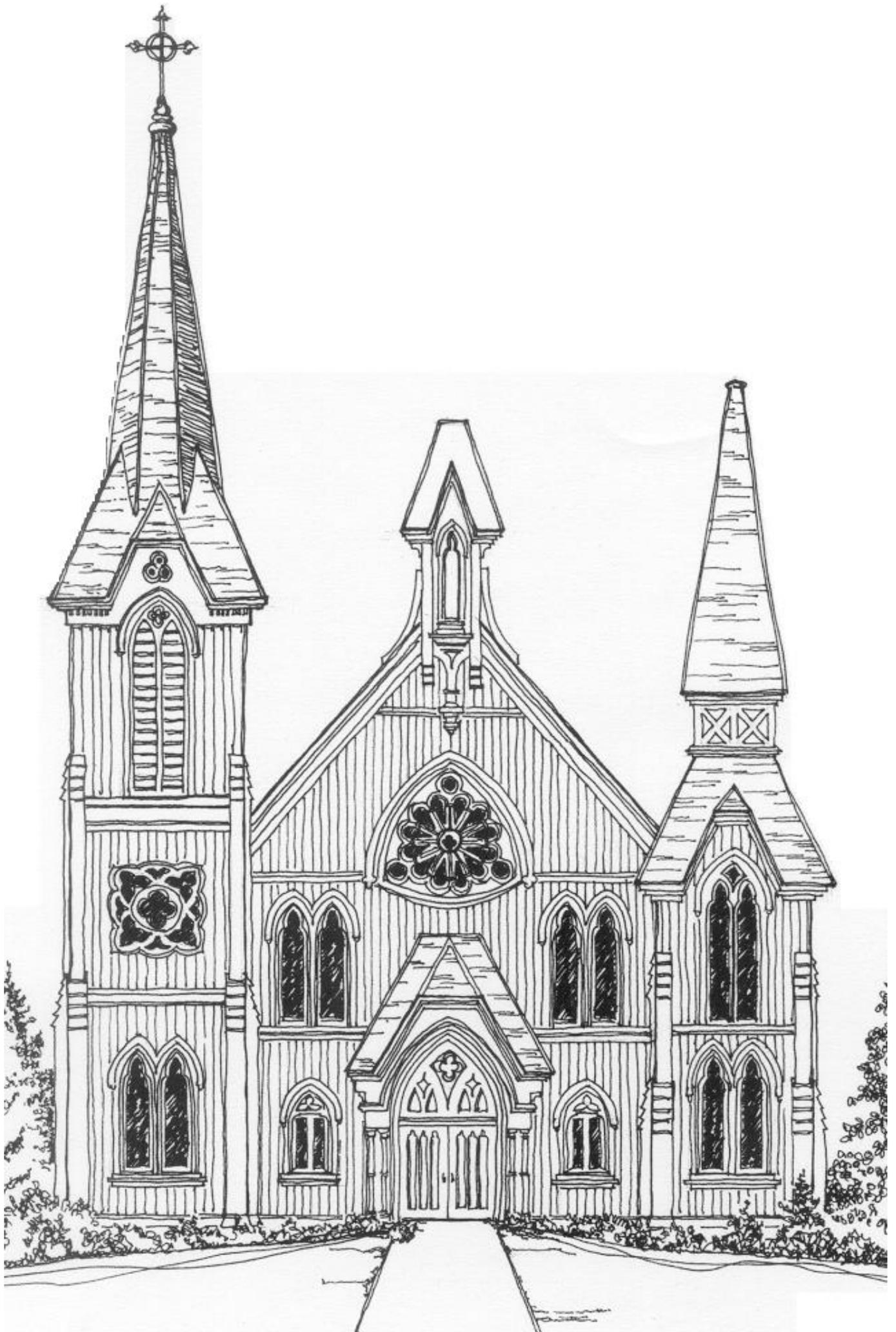


# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Service for the Lord's Day

January 26, 2020

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** – *Ricercare on the Sixth Tone*

A. Gabrieli

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**INTROIT** - *O God Beyond All Praising*

G. Holst

### WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** - (*Psalm 145:8-9*)

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

**\*HYMN 375** – *Lord of All Good*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 298**

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

## **\*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** - *Cantate Domino* (O sing unto the Lord a new song)

G. Pitoni

## **THE PROCLAMATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** – *Deuteronomy 5:1-21*

**SERMON** – *But What About Grace?*

J. Patrick Vaughn

**\*HYMN 356** – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## **THE SENDING**

**MOMENT for MINISTRY**

Laundry Love, Elizabeth Messinger

## **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** - *Happy and Blest Are They*

F. Mendelssohn

### **\*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 387** – *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *Fourfold Amen*

J. Stainer

**POSTLUDE** – *Ciacone in G*

D. Buxtehude

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

*\*\* holdfasttowhatisgood.com*

*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 26th – February 2nd

## Notice of a Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting *today* 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 following worship.

The Session

Linda Burpee, Clerk

***Did you know?***

During the Revolutionary War, newspapers in England sometimes referred to the war as the “Presbyterian skirmish.”

**Coffee Hour**

A great big thank you to

***Rick & Natasha Mast***

for sponsoring Coffee Hour today.

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## **Mistletoe Mart Organizational Meeting**

The organizational meeting for the 2020 Mistletoe Mart will be held *today*, following our 10:00 am service. We will be meeting in the Conference 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](mailto: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](mailto:LaundryLoveMtKiscoNY@gmail.com).



Join in and wash on!

## Winter Midnight Run

Our winter midnight run is quickly approaching and we need help restocking all of our items! We will be breaking up our collections weekly. Our first week we are asking for toiletries. We need travel size items such as soap, shampoo and toothbrushes. Please use the link below for the sign up genius to sign up for items. Please bring these items to the church and place in the box nearest the steps to the Chapel by **Wednesday, February 5th**. The following round of items will be announced each Sunday at church and through email. Items can be brought after February 5<sup>th</sup>, but we would love the toiletries by then because middle school youth group will be assembling toiletry bags on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D44A4A823A2FB6-midnight>

The above link was our latest E-NEWS. Access the E-NEWS to be able to just 'click' on the link.

## Contributions & Donations

We are so grateful for our support of our wonderful church. Please clearly mark you 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](mailto: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 26

10:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary) Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn
11:00 AM	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 AM	Special Congregational Meeting (Chapel)
11:15 AM	2020 Mistletoe Mart Meeting (Conference Room)

### Tuesday, January 28

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

### Thursday, January 30

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

### Friday, January 31

9:00 AM	Yoga (Chapel)
6:30 PM	MSYG (Fellowship Hall)
6:45 PM	AA Women (Chapel)

### Saturday, February 1

7:15 PM	AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)
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### *Office Hours:*

*Monday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm*

*NYS Notary Public available during Office Hours*