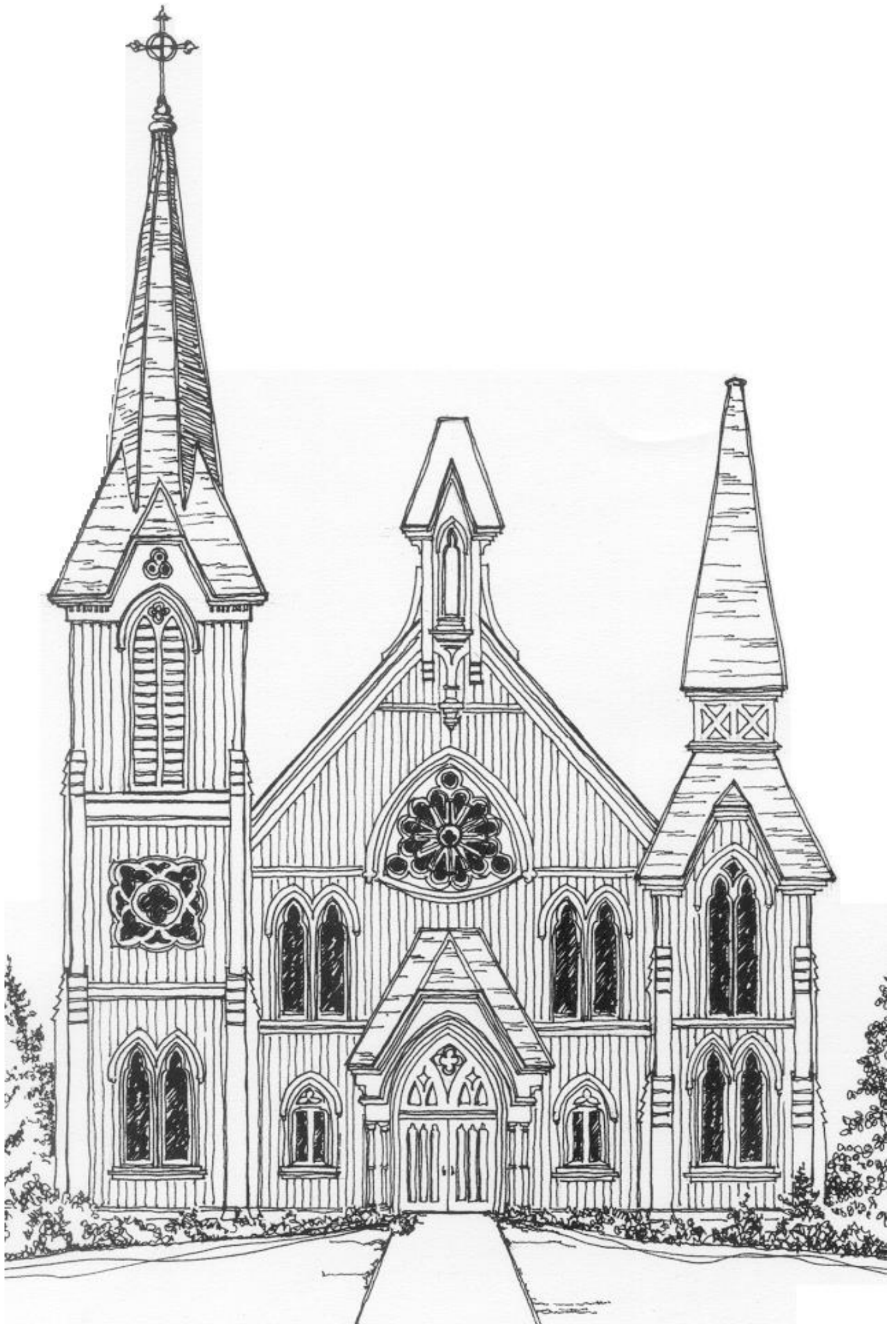


# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Service for the Lord's Day

January 5, 2020

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## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** – *How Brightly Shines the Morningstar*

D. Buxtehude

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**INTROIT** – *Send Out Thy Light*

C. Gounod

## WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** - (*Luke 2:1-7*)

Leader: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

**People: Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.**

Leader: He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

**People: While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

**\*HYMN 53** – *What Child Is This*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we confess  
that we are not people of peace. You clothe us with your love,  
but we do not love one another. You wrap us in your mercy,  
but we do not forgive one another. Forgive us, God of grace.  
Teach us to follow your way,  
and help us to grow each day  
in wisdom and favor with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God does not remember our sins, but the promises which God made to us.  
God does not shame us, but lifts us to new life.

**Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love.**

**You are the God of our days, we wait for you to come, and to lead us  
To the days of justice and peace that you have promised in Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **\*ASCRPTION OF PRAISE Hymn 66**

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

## **\*PASSING OF PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION**

**ANTHEM** – *Come, Thou Morning Star*

O. Gibbons

*The children's offering is received during the Anthem. This year's children offering is designated for the **Heifer Project** and **Laundry Love**. Adults who also wish to contribute to this children's offering will have an opportunity to donate during the anthem. The general offering is received after the sermon.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** – *Matthew 1: 1-12*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** – *Oshikaka?*

Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn

**\*HYMN 56** – *The First Nowell (vss. 1, 5, 6)*

## THE SENDING

### 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** - *There Shall A Star From Jacob*

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 31** – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** – *Sevenfold Amen*

John Stainer

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude on an Epiphany Introit*

Maurice Durufle

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

# TODAY'S WORSHIP

January 5, 2020

## Mt Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

BPC assists with distribution at the Food Pantry once a month. It is an easy and rewarding way to help with a real problem close to home. If you are interested in helping out on one of the dates below, please contact **Sharon Seidell** at [sps1256s@gmail.com](mailto:sps1256s@gmail.com), or **914-522-2108**.

### The schedule is:

Tuesday Jan 7th, 5pm -7pm  
Tuesday Feb 4th, 5pm -7 pm  
Tuesday March 3rd, 5pm -7pm  
Wednesday April 8th, 9am - 11am  
Wednesday April 29th, 9am - 11am  
Wednesday May 27th 9am - 11am  
Wednesday June 24th, 9am - 11am



## Bedford Fire Department Bond Vote Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> between 6am and 9pm

This vote will be held at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, downstairs in the Youth Room (around back), *NOT* in Fellowship Hall.

### *Did you know?*

**In the Presbyterian church, ministers are called “teaching elders.” This reflects their primary responsibility to help the church embrace and live into the claims and promises of the gospel.**

## Coffee Hour

A big thank you to *Bing and Marcy Carlson* for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

## Choir Performance of *Carols and Lullabies* Sunday, January 12th

If you are lucky enough to come to church on **Sunday, January 12th** you will be treated to a performance of a delightful piece of seasonal Christmas music during the 10 am worship service. Our choir along with guitar, harp and marimba will perform "**Carols and Lullabies**" by the American composer Conrad Susa. Subtitled *Christmas in the Southwest*, this collection of Spanish carols the composer found from Arizona are set as a narrative around the birth of Jesus and the manger scene. Bethlehem, angels, shepherds and the loving mother all play a part in this touching and festive Christmas music. Be sure to save the date and bring some friends

## 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** or **914-715-3223** with any questions. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall following worship services.



## Fitness at BPC

Bedford Presbyterian Church cares about your health! We offer two great ways to help keep you fit while helping to support BPC:

### Senior Group Exercise and Yoga.

Both classes are low cost – no commitment – pay as you go.



**Senior Group Exercise:** This great class is offered 2 times per week, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, between 9:45 and 10:45 in Fellowship Hall. Join Susan Czechel, a certified instructor with 30+ years of group exercise experience.

This is a cardiovascular workout followed by muscle conditioning and functional training. Gain balance, get in better shape, become stronger, feel good, look good, have more energy and socialize with a wonderful group of people.



\$12 per class, with a percentage of earnings helping to support BPC.

Call Susan at 914-500-5162 with questions or come in for a Free Trial Class!

**Yoga:** Join Bobbe Stultz, a Kripalu trained Yoga Instructor, every Friday morning for Yoga between 9 am and 10 am.

Relaxing, Healing and Empowering - Body, Mind and Spirit.

\$20 per class, with a percentage of earnings helping to support BPC.

## Childcare

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

## Events for the Week

### Today, January 5

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

### Tuesday, January 7

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 9

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

### Friday, January 10

9:00 AM                      Yoga (Chapel)  
6:45 PM                      AA Women (Chapel)

### Saturday, January 11

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

*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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### *Office Hours*

*Monday – Friday*

*9 am – 3 pm*

*NYS Notary Public available during Office Hours*