

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday October 11, 2020



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude *Air* G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship from Psalm 23 Tinsley Valenti

You are my shepherd,
I shall not want.
You make me lie down in green pastures,
You lead me beside still waters,
You restore my soul.
You lead me in right paths for your name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in your house my whole life long.

Hymn 404 *Precious Lord*

Hebrew Bible Lesson Exodus 32:1-14 Michele Eames

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22 :1-14 Scott Eames

Sermon "A Matter of Priorities"

Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Il Ballo dell' Intorcias* A. Valenti

Join us for the Congregational Meeting.

Announcements for the Week of October 11 – October 17, 2020

Coffee Hour/Congregational Meeting

IMPORTANT WEEKEND NEWS:

10:45 am: Go to the highlighted link below (**IN BLUE**) using your computer, I-pad, I-phone or smart phone. You need to make sure your video and speaker are working! Anyone who is a member can participate. The vote will take place using the polling feature on the Zoom call.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83894595192?pwd=cG5HSFJleEw0aFR5WjIFaGNuSGh6UT09>

Meeting ID: 838 9459 5192

Passcode: 415084

Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

If you have questions about the voting process, please contact **Linda Burpee** at **(914) 248-6055** or **Lrbesq@gmail.com**. Linda will have someone call and help you. You can also call Jessica in the church office at **(914)-234-3672**.

Please read the short bios below on the Elders/Session Members and Deacons that you will be voting on.

Biographies

ELDERS/SESSION MEMBERS

Michelle Gosh lives in Mount Kisco with her wife, Kim, two sons, Kevin and Brady, and their three pups, Harrison, Teddy and Georgie. Michelle works in the Brewster School District as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum,

Instruction and Assessment. Michelle has served as a deacon for six years and was a member of the Pastoral Nominating Committee this past year.

Being a member of Bedford Presbyterian Church has been transformative. The spirit of care and kindness and the purposeful work carried out for the betterment of others are only two of the many reasons that BPC has become a cornerstone in the lives of Michelle, Kim and their family. They are grateful to be members of such a wonderful, spiritual community.

Suzanne Millette joined the church a little over 10 years ago. She lives in Bedford with her husband Sean and son Stephen. Her favorite aspect of BPC is the sense of community it provides. She has enjoyed getting to know fellow members, being a part of BPC's many activities and working with the Deacons for the past six years.

DEACONS

Kathy DiBiasi lives in the town of Bedford and has been a member of BPC since 1998, served as a session member for six years (Christian Education Committee) and subsequently became the Education Director, a position she held for 12 years. Her sons Peter and James are also members. Kathy is looking forward to serving the church again, this time as a Deacon. Kathy became a member because BPC doesn't just say the words "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself", but strives to live these words.

Kim Lapple lives in Mount Kisco with her wife, Michelle, two sons, Kevin and Brady, and their three pups, Harrison, Teddy and Georgie. Kim is principal of H.C. Crittenden Middle school in the Byram Hills School District. At BPC, she has previously served as a deacon for six years and is the co-chair of the Rewarding Potential Scholarship.

Kim echoes the sentiments of Michelle regarding how grateful they are to be members of such a wonderful, spiritual community.

Natasha Mast has been a member of the church for 3 years. She lives in Bedford with her husband Rick, and their children Sebastian and Sawyer. The Bedford Presbyterian Church is special to her and her entire family. It guides her spiritually and also provides her with a strong sense of community.

With much gratitude

We would also like to extend our thanks to our outgoing Elders, **Laurie Fancher** and **Lara DiCorpo** who served on the Session for the last 6 years - helping us thoughtfully navigate through a challenging transition and the many difficult decisions posed by the Coronavirus. Also, many thanks to our outgoing Deacons, **Angela Sour**, **Suzanne Millette** and **Jessica Cunningham** . . . all part of the behind the scenes team of workers and planners. The tireless efforts and energy of all of you have contributed in so many ways to BPC!

Upcoming Events - under the tent, after worship service

October 25	Halloween Costume Party for adults and children.
November 1	All Saint's Day Remembrance

On Line CROP walk

This year the Northern Westchester CROP walk (**our 26th!**) will be an on-line event. The CROP walk supports hunger relief both near and far with our partnership with the Community Center of Northern Westchester and the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry.

We are hoping to have as many people as possible join us for the FaceBook Live walk event on **October 18th at 2pm**. We will all "walk together" along with live content during the walk to bring us together as a community. However, if the timing does not work for you, or if you cannot join us on-line for other reasons, the walk can be done anywhere or at anytime you want.

We hope that many of you will register to walk and fundraise. However, the BPC team will also welcome donations if you are unable to join as a walker. To register or donate, please go to: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/nwestchesterny/BPC>

Dial a Sermon

We have developed a new service that is available for those that do not have access to a computer or smartphone but would like to hear the sermon from Sunday's worship service. The process is very simple. Just dial **914-205-4683** and you will hear this week's sermon. Please share the above information anyone you think will benefit from this service.

How you can help

Grocery Delivery Assistance/Volunteerism Opportunity

In these difficult times, Lila Cummings recommends "Hope Delivers." If you are in the Katonah area and need assistance with grocery delivery, or if you want to volunteer to help those who are vulnerable with grocery deliveries, please go to: <https://www.hopedelivers.com/>

Neighbor's Link

The mission of Neighbors Link is to strengthen the whole community by actively enhancing the healthy integration of immigrants. To support this ministry, please go to the BPC website, click on 'Donate' at the very top and then select *Neighbors Link* from the 'Fund' drop down.

Amazon Smile

If you would like Amazon to donate to Bedford Presbyterian Church, please start each Amazon shopping session by logging onto **AmazonSmile.com** and selecting BPC as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Continue to use your existing Amazon username and password. It's just that simple!!

Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry

We want to remember our brothers and sisters who are food - insecure. Please consider a donation by going to the BPC website, clicking on 'Donate' at the very top and selecting *Interfaith Food Pantry* from the 'Fund' drop down.

Generosity

The pandemic has disrupted all of our lives, but we continue to serve in a surprising variety of ways. This includes serving God through our generosity.

Most of us at BPC write checks to financially support the congregation. The Finance Committee is regularly checking the mail and making deposits. Please send your contribution to the church at: **P.O. Box 280, Bedford NY 10506.**

Also, giving online is remarkably simple and convenient. Please go to the BPC website, click on 'Donate' at the very top, and select from the 'Fund' drop down where you want your donation applied.

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor

John Lettieri, Director of Music

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

Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager

Sunday Virtual Worship Service 10:00 AM

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