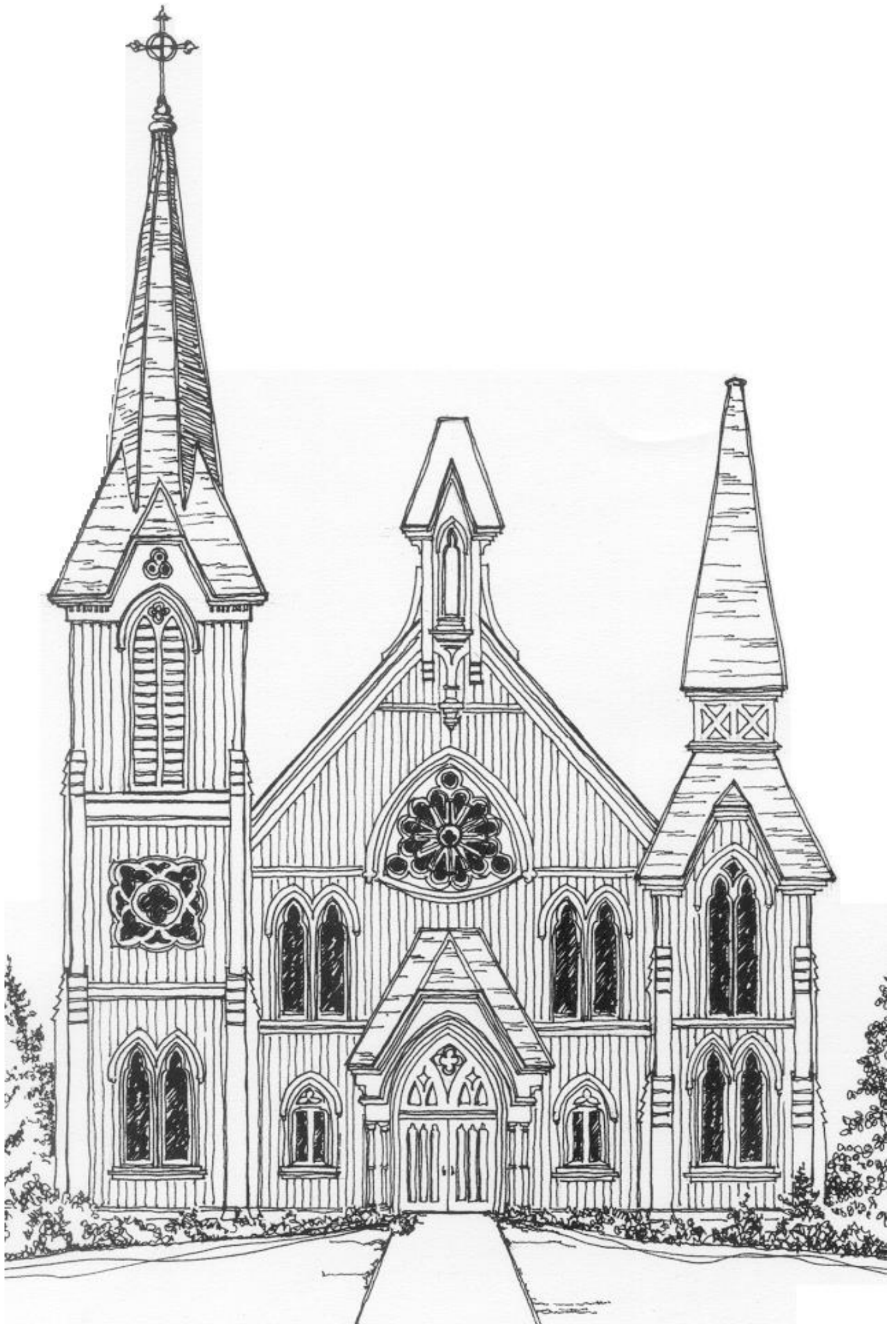


# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Service for the Lord's Day

## February 16, 2020

### THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** *Rorate Caeli*

Jeanne Demessieux

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**INTROIT** *Alleluia, Alleluia*

South African

### WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Isaiah 40:28-31*)

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**People: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.**

Leader: He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

**People: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

**\*HYMN 339** *Be Thou My Vision*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

When we have failed to recognize your love in the actions of friend or stranger, forgive us.

When we have failed to recognize your presence in the world in which we live, forgive us.

When we have failed to remember your gospel  
in our actions, thoughts and words,  
forgive us.

Renew our hearts in worship,  
our minds in wisdom,  
and our hands in service.

Take our lives and use them,  
as a sacrifice of love.

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 599**

Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me  
when you come in to your kingdom. (Sung 2x)

### **\*PASSING OF PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN and CHILDREN'S OFFERING**

*This year's children's offering is designated to **Heifer Project and Laundry Love**. Children should come forward for the Time with the Children with their offering. Adults who wish to contribute to the children's offering will have an opportunity during the Anthem following the Time with the Children.*

## **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.

**ANTHEM** *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

Harold Friedell

## **THE PROCLAMATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** *Deuteronomy 10:17-22*

**SERMON** *A Gift Unexpected*

J. Patrick Vaughn

**\*HYMN 304** *Jesus Loves Me!*

## **THE SENDING**

## **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *O How Amiable*

R. Vaughan Williams

## **\*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** *For the Healing of the Nations* (Tune: 281)

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word  
help us rise and pledge our word.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow brief life's span  
may we hallow brief life's span.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and  
goodness  
fear will die and hope increase  
fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find  
earth its destiny may find.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen*

R. Warner

**POSTLUDE** *Fuga in D*

J. Pachelbel

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

*The Reverend Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn, Interim Pastor*  
*The Reverend Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life*  
*John Lettieri, Director of Music*  
*Elyssa Michaels, Director of High School & Middle School Youth Groups*  
*The Reverend 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 February 16th – February 22nd**

## **Sunday Spirit Cancelled Today**

Due to school vacations, Sunday Spirit is cancelled for today.  
The Toddler Room is still available.

## **Chile Cook Off**

**Friday, February 28th between 6 pm and 8 pm.**

The Community Center of Northern Westchester will be participating in the Katonah Chamber of Commerce's Chili Cook Off.

Please join us for a great dinner, and cast your vote for the best chili, which of course will be the Center's best.

*Did you know the center served over 2500 individuals in need in January?*

## **BPC Book Club**

Please join us Thursday **February 20th at 12:30 pm** in the Conference Room at the church for our next book club meeting.

Engage in an interesting discussion of

*Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert

This is a historical novel of a place (Moloka'i) in Hawaii where lepers were sent. It is widely available at local libraries.

The book club will meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month, with a new book discussed each month. Bring your lunch and eat while we talk.

Please contact **Maggie Uyeki** at **maggieuyeki@gmail.com**  
for any questions or additional information

## *Did you know?*

In the Presbyterian Church, the primary responsibility of the deacons is to organize and offer ministries of care and compassion.

## **2020 Children's Bible Study**

Bedford Presbyterian Church will be offering an **Introduction to the Bible** class this spring and Matt Valenti will be the instructor.

The class will be 8 lessons, scheduled from Mid-March through May, with the exact dates being solidified in coming weeks. Lessons will be on Sunday mornings during worship following the Time with Children (participants will be in the Bible Study class instead of Sunday Spirit). Children in 3rd grade or higher are welcome to enroll, with the expectation being that participants will attend each class. At the end of the class, participants will receive their own Bible. If you would like to enroll your child or have any questions, please contact:

Matt Valenti: [matt\\_valenti@yahoo.com](mailto:matt_valenti@yahoo.com)

## **Toys for our Little Ones**

There are now two baskets (one at the front of the church and one at the back), that contain crayons, paper and a few toys and books. These baskets are available for families to take advantage of during worship.

If anyone has appropriate little books or things that would be useful, and you are no longer using them, please feel free to add them to the baskets.

## **Coffee Hour**

A great big thank you to

*Alan & Joan McDougall*

for sponsoring today's Coffee Hour.

## Winter Midnight Run Update

We'd like to thank everyone for your continued generosity towards our upcoming Midnight Run! We still need shaving cream and lip balm to complete our toiletry kits. This week we are asking for men and women's sweatshirts and sweatpants, sizes M-XXL.

Please bring items that are in new or gently used condition and place them in the box by the building's entrance, closest to the Chapel stairs, by March 25th.

Please go to the following link to sign up for items on the sign up genius.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D44A4A823A2FB6-midnight>

*The above link was listed on our latest E-NEWS, where you will be able to just 'click' on the link.*

Thank you again!

## 2020 Directory Update

We continue the process of collecting information for the 2020 Church Directory, as well as updating our current database.

Forms are available at the front and back of the sanctuary and will be available at Coffee Hour as well. **For your convenience, you can also submit your information directly to the BPC office via a link on our website. Go the BPC homepage and click on Update Member Directory.**

Please take the time to fill out a form or send in your information via our web site. It is the only way for us to have updated information for you and your family. Emails are really important for getting out church news that you may not hear about if you miss worship. Our hope is to include photos as well, but more information on that will be upcoming.

**PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION FOR CLARITY**



## **BPC is hosting the ESP from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 8th.**

### **We need volunteers for the following:**

- 1.** Prepare & serve dinner for approximately 20 people. This involves preparing a simple meal, such as a stew, a chicken casserole or lasagna. We'll give you more detailed suggestions once you sign up. Typically, you will arrive at the church at 9 PM and you will be done shortly after 10PM. It's best if there are two or three of you to help serve.
- 2.** Prepare breakfast bags. Breakfast items such as bagels, muffins, hard boiled eggs, fruit and a juice have to be bagged and brought to the church the evening before.
- 3.** Stay overnight in the Church. The ESP has a paid staff member who sleeps in Fellowship Hall with the group. In addition, we like a member of our congregation to spend the night, in a separate space, to be available in case of an emergency. We have never had an emergency situation, but we do need a church member to stay over. You can leave as early as 6:00 AM the next morning.
- 4.** Our guests have a shower at the Church during the week. Donations of soap and shampoo will be welcome. Please drop it off in the designated container outside the Church office.

Please contact **Shirani** at **shiranip@gmail.com**, telephone **845-797-6435** or Jessica at the Church Office, **234-3672**. A signup sheet will also be available in Fellowship Hall following Sunday services. We really appreciate your help with this wonderful program which provides shelter for homeless men and women in Northern Westchester.

### **Large Fireproof Safe Needed**

The church is interested in acquiring a **large fireproof safe** to use for the safekeeping of valuables, important old archived documents, etc. Before we begin a search to purchase one, we are asking whether you or someone you may know has such a safe in their possession that is in good condition and is in working order that they would like to donate.

If either is available, please contact Jessica in the church office.  
(914) 234-3672 x1001. Thank you

## Spirituality and Practice Groups at BPC

**\*\*\*\*\*Date Change\*\*\*\*\***

**This month's Spirituality & Practice group will be held on  
February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
*NOT* on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**



Rev. Leslie Mott

In addition to all the wonderful doings at Bedford Presbyterian Church, there are also opportunities to simply BE! The Spirituality and Practice groups, which meet on the third Tuesday evening (7-8:30pm) and the third Wednesday morning (9:30-11am) of each month, offer a change of pace, so necessary to the care and well-being of our souls.

Each month, we explore a different spiritual practice. For example, in the past we have explored the “practices” of Civility, Resilience, Doubt, Risk, Poetry, Islam, Truth, Play, Making Holy, Prayer, and Listening: not just what we think about them, or how they dovetail with our theology, but how we can actually live them. What does it mean to practice, anyway? The last thing we all need is one more thing on our “to- do” list, so how can we think about and inhabit the practices that nurture our life of faith? Worship, of course, is a key aspect of a faith journey, and so is service, things in which BPC members are so adept.

But there is also the wider arena of our spiritual lives that need tending to in the everyday. This is what we explore. The groups meet for an hour and a half, with discussion, reading, visual arts, sometimes writing (and sometimes wandering!) and end with a guided meditation to ground ourselves fully into our bodies and the present, peace-full moment.

Both relaxing and invigorating.

Led by Rev. Leslie Mott- if you have any questions, please feel free to email her at: [revleslie@optonline.net](mailto:revleslie@optonline.net).

## 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:

### Yoga and Senior Group Exercise.

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

**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*

**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!**

