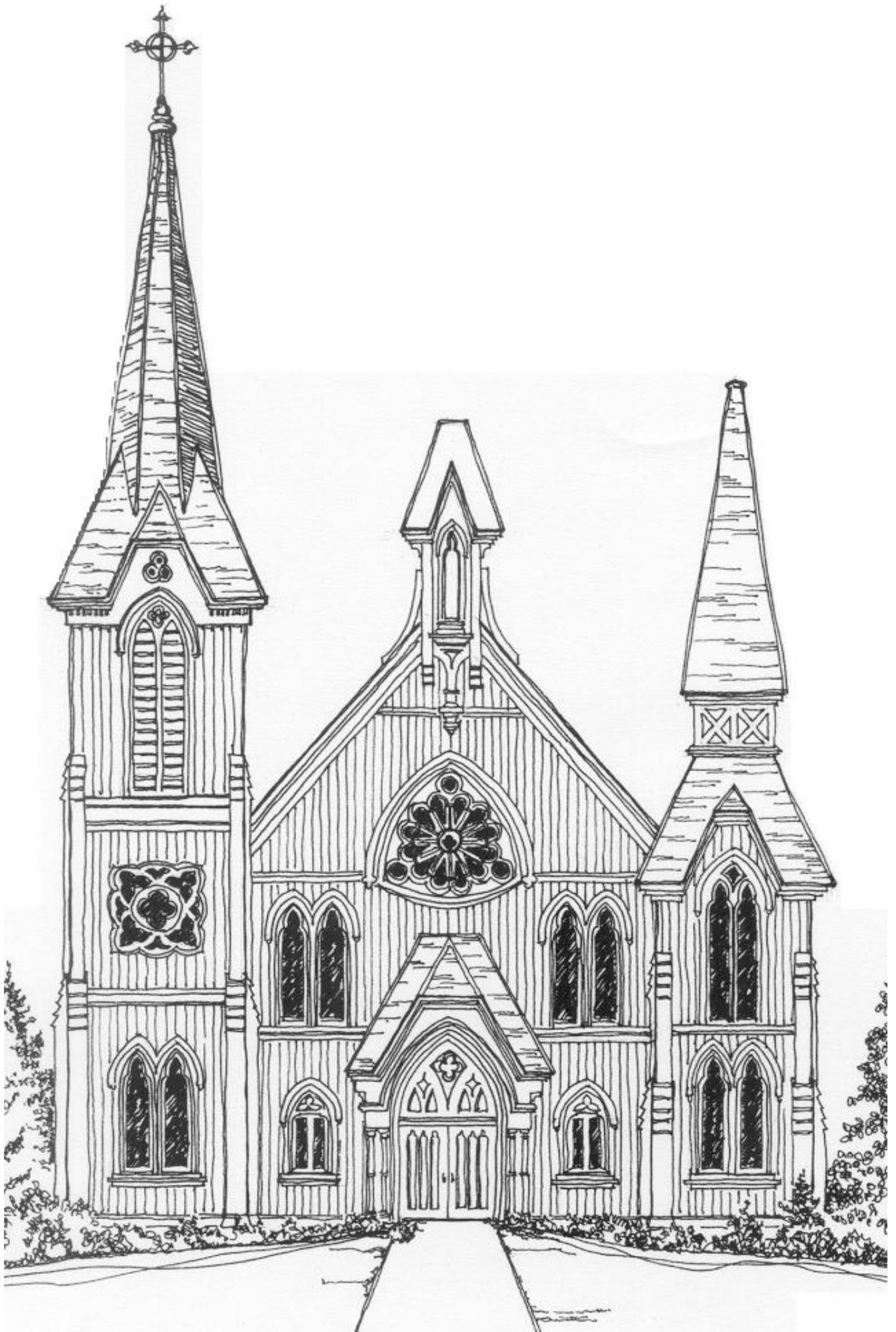


# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Service for the Lord's Day  
February 2, 2020**

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** – *Rhosymedre*

R. Vaughan Williams

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**INTROIT** - *Blessed are the Pure in Heart*

G. Thalben-Ball

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP -**

Leader: Come and hear good news:

**People: No matter what is happening in your life,  
God's blessing and love is with and for you.**

Leader: Come and receive what God has for you:

**People: Words of challenge and compassion,  
leading us on to share God's love.**

Leader: Come and learn what God calls you to do:

**People: To live lives of justice and love and truth.**

**\*HYMN 263** – *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world.

We have not spoken truth with our hearts.

We have said and done hurtful things to our friends.

We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours..

We have forgotten what true discipleship is.

Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility.

May we embrace our true identity as followers of Jesus, 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!**

## **\*AScription OF PRAISE - Hymn 298**

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

## **\*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 - *O For A Closer Walk With God***

Grayston Ives

## **THE PROCLAMATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING – *Matthew 5:1-12***

**SERMON – *Blessed***

Heather Brown-Huston

**\*HYMN 344 – *Christ of the Upward Way***

## THE SENDING

**MOMENT for MINISTRY**

**Barbara Kanner – A-HOME**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY - *Open My Eyes***

**K. Lee Scott**

**\*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.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN 261 – *God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *God Be With You Till We Meet Again***

**R. Vaughan Williams**

**POSTLUDE – *Hyfrydol***

**R. Vaughan Williams**

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

***\*\*adapted from [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)***

# Announcements for the Week of February 2<sup>nd</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>

**BPC is hosting the ESP from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>.  
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](mailto: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 beginning February 2nd. We really appreciate your help with this wonderful program which provides shelter for homeless men and women in Northern Westchester.

## *Did you know?*

The Presbyterian system of governance rests upon the foundation of love and trust.

**Notice:**  
**2019 Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday February 9th, 2020** in Fellowship Hall following the worship service. The congregation is invited to gather for soup and fellowship at that time.

**Large Fireproof Safe & Lateral File Cabinet 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.

We are also in need of a **lateral file cabinet**.

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

Thank you

**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

***The Keeffe Family***

for sponsoring today's Coffee Hour.

## Sunday Flowers

Our beautiful flowers today are brought to you today by Maggie Uyeki

*With love to all of my children, especially John on his birthday.*

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On February 2nd, BPC continues the tradition of tackling hunger on Super Bowl Sunday!



A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall.

Donate cans or cash.

All proceeds benefit the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry.

## 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**

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## 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 our items! We will be breaking up our collections weekly, and for our first week we are asking for toiletries. We need travel size items such as soap, shampoo and toothbrushes.

Use the link below to sign up for items using the Sign Up Genius. 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 needed items will be announced each Sunday at church and through emails. 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 listed on our latest E-NEWS, where you will be able to to just ‘click’ on the link.

## 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.

## 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.

## **Spirituality and Practice Groups at BPC!**

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**.

*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*

## Events for the Week

### Today, February 2

### COMMUNION TODAY

10:00 AM      Worship (Sanctuary)      Rev. Heather Brown-Huston  
11:00 AM      Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
11:15 AM      Deacon's Meeting (Chapel)

### Monday, February 3

9:30 AM      DAPC (Chapel)

### Tuesday, February 4

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

### Wednesday, February 5

7:00 PM      Christian Ed Meeting (Chapel)

### Thursday, February 6

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

### Friday, February 7

9:00 AM      Yoga (Chapel)  
6:30 PM      MSYG (Fellowship Hall)  
6:45 PM      AA Women (Chapel)  
8:30 PM      HSYG (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, February 8

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