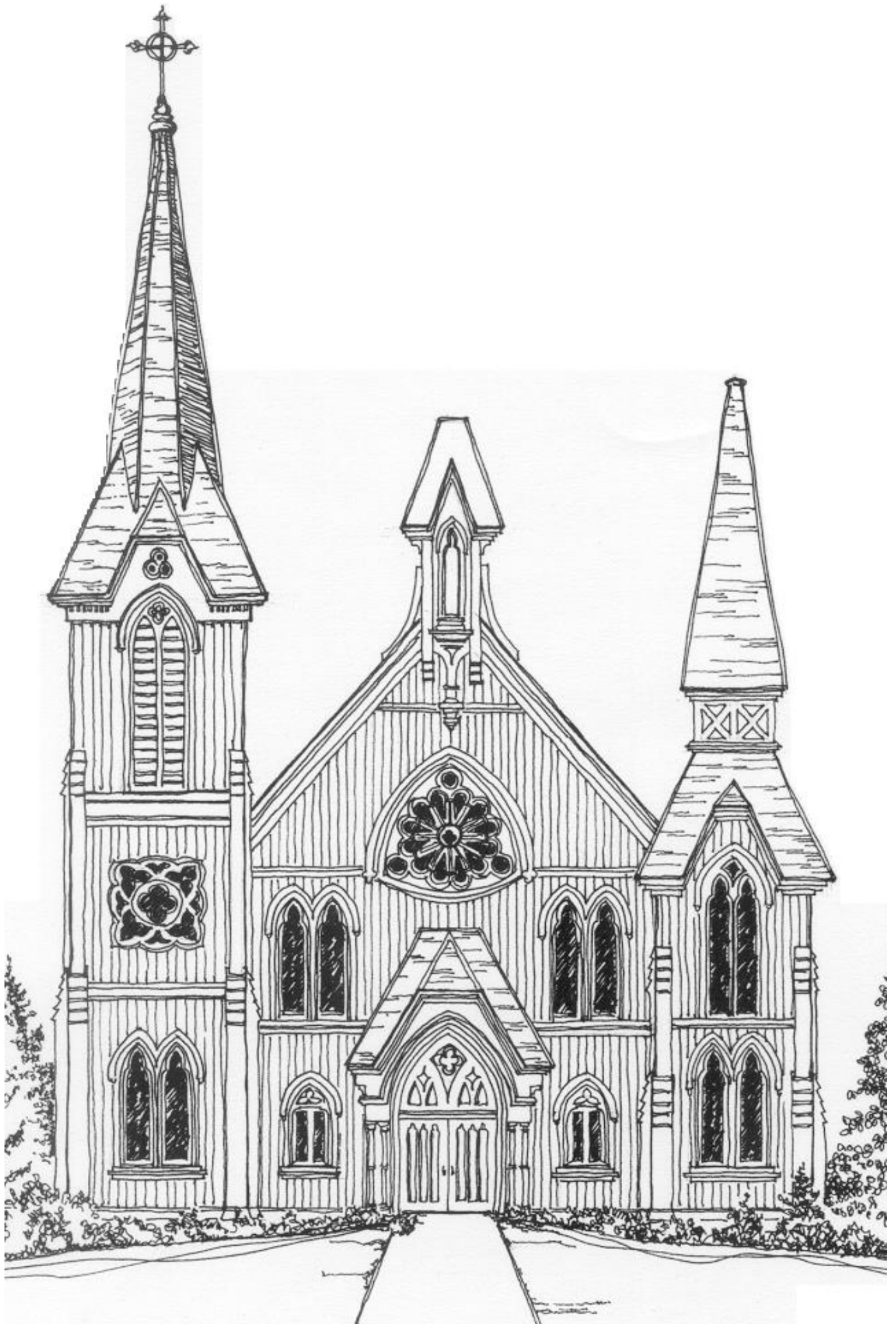


BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's Day

February 23, 2020

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Partite sopra Folia de Spagna*

Bernardo Pasquini

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

INTROIT *Now Let Us Come Before Him*

Chorale arr. J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Gracious God, forever seeking us,

People: Open our minds to the truth of your care.

Leader: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

People: Open our lips to share stories of faith.

Leader: Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.

People: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

***HYMN 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us that so little of your blessing reaches others through us. We are guilty of keeping silent when a word is needed. We treat your call to be fishers of people as a nice story to be kept at a distance.

Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us. Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and our actions. In Jesus' name. 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 368**

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

***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.*

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.

***or "Our Creator**

ANTHEM *We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness, O God*

William McKie

THE PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 28: 16-20*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *You Never Know*

J. Patrick Vaughn

***HYMN 355** *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

THE SENDING

MOMENT for MINISTRY

Sarah Ryan - ESP

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Gift To Be Simple*

Arr. Bob Chilcott

***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 371** Lift High the Cross

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Threefold Amen in C*

J. McGregor

POSTLUDE *We Believe in One God*

J. S. Bach

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

Announcements for the Week of February 23rd – February 29th

Sunday Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Marcy and Bing Carlson, in honor of their grandson, Ashton Touzeau, who is celebrating his Eagle Scout Court of Honor today.

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 them 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?

Did you know?

Presbyterians have historically been very active in the world engaging issues of poverty, education, and health. As a matter of fact, in 16th century Geneva John Calvin was concerned about the sewer system because it directly impacted the welfare of the city's inhabitants.

Coffee Hour

A great big thank you to

Jean & Joe Palmer

for hosting today's Coffee Hour

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

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 sweatpants & long underwear, 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

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 a new one, we are asking whether or not you or someone you may know has such a safe in their possession that is in good condition and working order that they would like to donate.

If so, please contact Jessica in the church office at:

office@bedfordpreschurch.org or (914) 234-3672 x1001

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.

BPC is hosting the ESP from March 2nd – March 8th.

We still need volunteers for the following:

- 1.** 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.

Need volunteers for 3/5 & 3/7.

- 2.** 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.

Need volunteers for 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/7 & 3/8

- 3.** 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.

Thank you.

Spirituality and Practice Groups at BPC

February 25th & 26th

This month, Spirituality is being held on the 4th Tuesday/Wednesday of the month instead of its usual 3rd Tuesday/Wednesday of the month.



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.

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!

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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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm

NYS Notary Public available during Office Hours