

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship from Psalm 78 Madison

We will give ear to God's teaching. We will incline our ears to God's mouth.

For you, O God, will open your mouth in a parable. You will utter dark sayings of old.

We will not hide your wisdom from our children. We will tell the coming generation of your glorious deeds, your might, and the wonders you have done. We will set our hope in you.

Let us worship God!

Hymn 434 *Today We Are Called To Be Disciples*

Hebrew Bible Lesson *Amos 5:18-24* Jason Welsch

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Jesus said: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon

"Justice Rolls Down Like Waters"

Rev. Carol Howard
Merritt

Stewardship Minute

Stewardship season continues! This time of leadership transitions and COVID precautions means that we are reimagining much of our ministry. So we are thinking about God's words in Isaiah: "I am about to do a new thing. Can you perceive it?" You should have received your pledge cards in the mail last week. We ask that you make a pledge by **November 22nd**, by returning your card or

pledging on-line by going to our website at www.bedfordpreschurch.org. Please prayerfully consider how you might use your time, gifts, and resources for the new things that God is doing among us!

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(Many people say the Lord's Prayer with "trespasses" or "sins" instead of "debts." Please feel free to pray in any form that makes you feel the most comfortable.)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Praise God, All Christians Together

J. S. Bach

Announcements for the Week of November 8 – 14, 2020

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join us virtually on Sunday **November 8th at 10:30 am**. Find the Zoom link on our website or in the weekly E-NEWS.

Moving forward, there will be no coffee hour on those Sundays when there are special events after worship.

Fall Food Drive

BPC and our Youth Group will be collecting food and non perishable items for the **Interfaith Food Pantry** in Mount Kisco. During these hard times this is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our neighbors to support them.

Date:

Sunday, November 15th.

Time:

Items can be dropped off between 11am - 1pm

Where:

Bedford Presbyterian Church - Drive to the back parking lot. Please drop off at the first door on the corner (the youth room).

Items: (**Bold items are what are most needed**)

- **48 ounce bottles of oil**
- **2 pound boxes of sugar**
- **2 pound boxes of flour**
- **Cans of evaporated milk**
- Cans of black beans
- Canned tuna or salmon
- Cans of soup
- Quaker Oats
- 2 pound bags of rice (brown or white)
- 32 oz. containers of shelf stable milk (like Parmalat)
- Canned Corn
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cereal

Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings officially began last **Sunday**. Don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke detectors. **These detectors save lives!!**

Mistletoe Mart 2020 News

After much deliberation, and with heavy hearts, the Mistletoe Mart Committee has decided that due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to celebrate the season with our time-honored tradition of the Mistletoe Mart. We are still brainstorming ideas to help our church community celebrate the season. Keep a look-out for more information! If you would like to join our brainstorming sessions, email julianewton@yahoo.com so that you can receive a link for the zoom meeting. Our next brainstorming session is scheduled for **November 18th at 10:00 am.**

Parents!

We would love to send the children of the church a packet with lessons and activities. We want to be sure that our information is up to date. Please email the name and grade of your child (children) to the church office so we can make sure that they are on our list. Thank you! Office@bedfordpreschurch.org

Upcoming Events - after worship service

November 15 Food Collection
November 22 Interfaith Thanksgiving Virtual Service - **4:00 pm.**
More information to follow.

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 with 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/>

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.

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.

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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