



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Mothers" by Kathe Kollwitz

November 26, 2023
Reign of Christ Sunday

Prelude

Toccata in C

J. Sweelinck

Introit

Praise Ye the Lord, All the Earth

F. Mendelssohn

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences from Psalm 100**

Leader: Shout joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
enter into God's presence with joy!

People: Know that the Lord is God.

God made us and keeps us;

The Lord is our shepherd, and we are the flock.

Leader: Enter the gates with thanksgiving,
and the courtyard with praise.
Give thanks and bless God's name.

People: For the Lord is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever,
and faithfulness to all generations.**

***Opening Hymn 551** *Come Ye Thankful People, Come*

Confession

We thank you, O God, for all you give to us. We confess that we take your goodness for granted. We praised ourselves for what we have accomplished rather than acknowledging the things that come from you. Forgive us, and grant that we might be grateful.

[Silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

○ Lord, hear my prayer,
○ Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.
○ Lord, hear my prayer,
○ Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.

***Passing of the Peace**

You may stand and greet one another.

Time with the Children

The children are welcome to stay for the service or they may leave for Sunday Spirit.

Anthem

Bless Thou the Lord

Ipolitov-Ivanoff

Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'"

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering

Minute for Mission *Ecuadorian Book Drive*

Olive Cape

Anthem

Homeward Bound

Marta Keen

***Doxology**

**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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Prayers of the People and the 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.

***Hymn 151**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response *Let the Giving of Thanks*

John Bell

***Postlude**

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

*Please stand, if you are able.

Announcements

Please fill out the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor.

Child Care Available

In addition to Sunday Spirit for elementary school kids, childcare is provided during worship for kids not yet in kindergarten. Please contact Courtney for more information.

This week's flowers are dedicated
with joyful thanks for another year
with friends and family.



Sue Kelly



Cookies Needed!!



The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry will be distributing red holiday bags with some special items for pantry clients. The pantry is requesting 'store bought' packaged cookies (no tins and no larger than approximately 1 pound) to include in the bags.

A donation box will be available in the church vestibule and our goal is to receive 50 packages of cookies by December 12th.

For questions or more information, please contact Cecilia Rosenblum at:
914-645-2096 or rosenblumclr12@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE *Services*

DECEMBER 24TH
10 AM
CANDELIGHT SERVICES
5 PM, 7 PM & 9 PM

Confirmation Class



If you have a high schooler who is interested in participating in this year's confirmation class, please contact Courtney.



Bedford Bellringers

If anyone is interested in joining the bell choir or learning more about the bells, please contact Heidi Michaels at Hmichaels425@gmail.com or (914) 263-8659.

Please remember to pick up our special program that lists all holiday events being held at BPC.



Mercado de las Fiestas (Holiday Market)



Bedford Presbyterian Church will be collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts for children & youth ages 0-12 and gift cards for teenagers ages 13-18 for Neighbors Link's Holiday Market. In December, they will hold this event in all three of their centers, where parents in our community will be able to select gifts for their children.

Gift suggestions can be found linked in the enews.

Gifts can be dropped off at the church by November 30th.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



WE ARE LOOKING FOR 2 VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE SOUP FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:

12/10, 1/14, 2/11 AND 3/10.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED HELPING PLEASE EMAIL ELYSSA.

Bridges to Community *building communities, changing lives* Dominican Republic Trip February 17-24, 2024

If you are interested in joining the trip or learning more please contact Courtney.
All are welcome!



MIDNIGHT RUN

Friday, January 5th



We will be holding a Midnight Run on Friday, January 5th. We are looking for donations of new or gently used items. Please see the sign up genius for specific items. We also need people to join us on the run. Please email Courtney if you would like to attend.

Quilting

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm
Chapel Room



Learn as you go
from other quilters.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

JANUARY 1 - 7, 2024 AND FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3, 2024



We are looking for volunteers to make dinner, desserts, snacks, and drinks. Find a friend or someone you would like to get to know in the congregation to host dinner one night together!

It's a wonderful way to connect and help some of neighbors.

Go to the website or the enews to sign up.

Email Elyssa with any questions. Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org.

Cooking for the Food Pantry

Tuesday, November 28th

12 pm | BPC Kitchen

Join us & the Westchester Local Food Project as we cook for the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry & the Community Center of Northern Westchester

Socialize and Cook for a great cause!



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BPC invites you to see, feel, believe, do.

●
SEE our beautiful building.

BPC stands peacefully in the heart of Bedford Village. Our building has been a community center since the 1860's. The inside and outside of the sanctuary spark awe and calmness. It allows space for moments of reflection and action.

●
FEEL our inviting community.

First-time visitors often say they same thing, "I just felt so welcomed and at home." From Sunday morning services, to special events like the fall picnic, to regular gatherings like lunch with friends, we simply enjoy being together. All are invited and embraced.

●
BELIEVE in faith for today.

Our shared faith values tie us together. At the same time, we are open to different beliefs and respectful of various practices of faith. There is no "right place" to sit. There is no "shushing" of kids (we love joyful noise!). We are a community where all can worship and fully be themselves.

●
DO make a difference where you are inspired.

BPC has a long history of caring for the community. We put our faith in action to make a positive impact. There are many ways to be inspired and get involved in the Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, the Woman 2 Woman Prison Ministry, Nativity Farm's Garden, the Emergency Shelter Partnership, and many more.

Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS Announcements

To sign up for our weekly E-NEWS that has live links to all of our announcements, please go to the BPC website at **bedfordpreschurch.org** and select either '**Contact**' at the top **or E-NEWS** just below it. To have information entered into the Bulletin and/or the E-NEWS, please email Jessica at **Office@bedfordpreschurch.org** and Elyssa at **Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org** by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, November 26th

10 am	Worship
11 am	Coffee Hour

Monday, November 27th

9 am	Yoga
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Tuesday, November 28th

12 pm	Cooking for the Interfaith Food Pantry
12:30 pm	Lunch with Friends
1 pm	Quilting
7:15 pm	Bells Rehearse

Wednesday, November 29th

9 am	Wreath Making
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Thursday, November 30th

10 am	Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net .
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Saturday, December 2nd

9 am – 3 pm	Mistletoe Mart
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Sunday, December 3rd

	Advent begins
10 am	Worship, Communion, and Youth Collection
11 am	Coffee Hour

Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session, Michelle Gosh, President Brian Hiller-Dupont,

Anne Bentzen, Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel and Stewardship),
Amy Drabek, Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Ashley Glod-Hayes, Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

Deacons

Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, Andres Mejía,
Diane Palmento & Lisa Sayre

Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

John Lettieri, Director of Music

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Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries

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