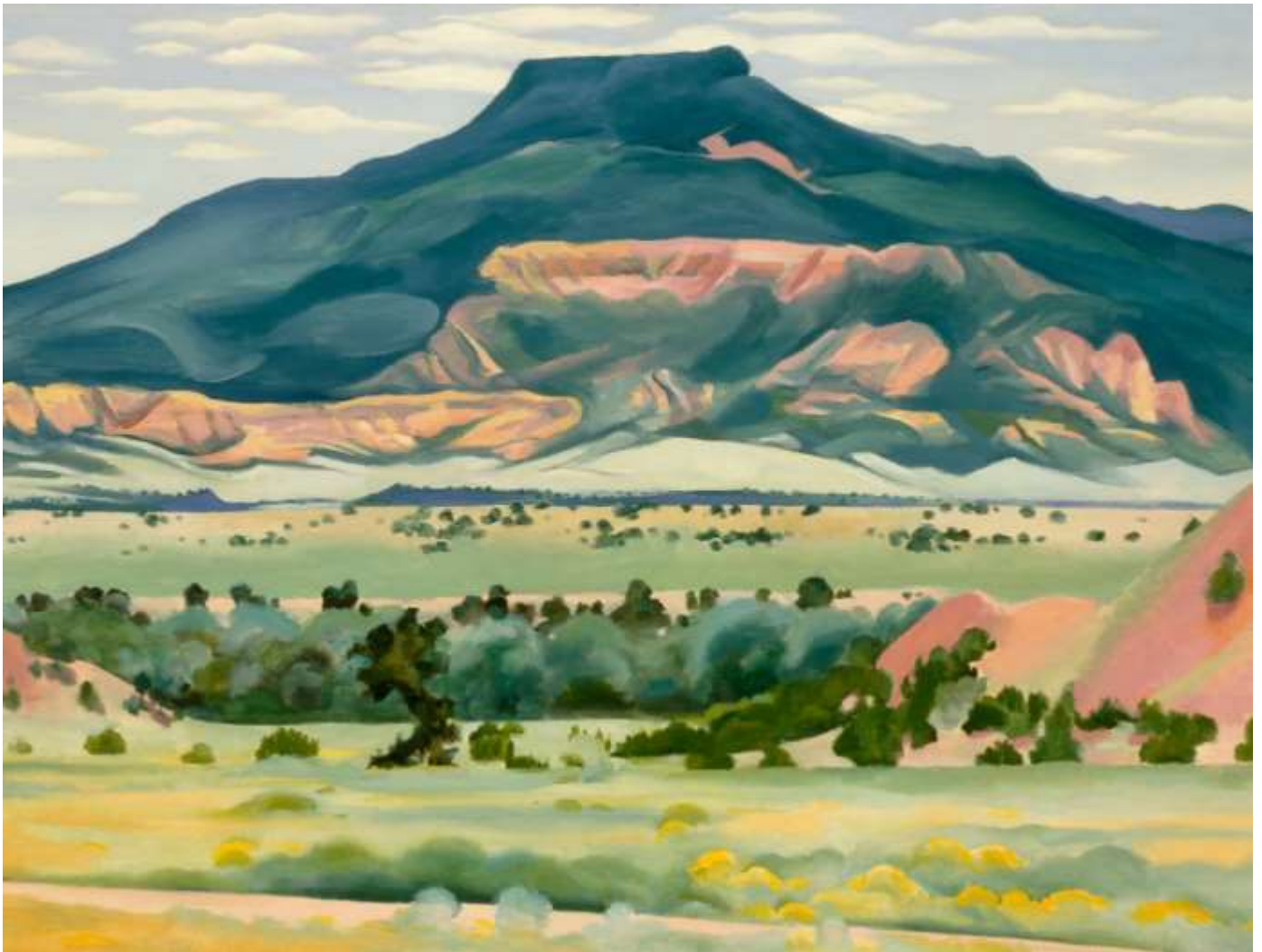




BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“My Front Yard” by Georgia O’Keeffe

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Meditation

C. M. Widor

Ringing of the Bells

Introit

Kyrie Eleison

A. Dvorak

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences**

Leader: The God of our hearts longs to be so close to us that we might know the divine in every breath, in every hope and in every relationship.

People: May God's desires become our desires. May God's work become our work, and God's community become our community.

***Opening Hymn 483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Confession

God of compassion, in these forty days, you call us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We are often scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. We struggle to rid our lives of all the things that distort, distract, and entangle us. Yet, you see our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes. Your kindness leads us to change.

[Silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response 303 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

**Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high:**

**Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!**

***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.*

Poetry Lesson

Psalm 51:6-12

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Anthem *Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts* H. Purcell

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-24

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Humanity to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit."

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering and Children's Offering

Anthem

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

John Hilton

***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**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.
May your reign be a reality here on earth.
May we become more interested in building your kingdom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.
Let us share our bread with those who hunger.
Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.
Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.
For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.
Amen.

***Hymn 84**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Dresden Amen

J. Nauman

***Postlude**

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist

J. S. Bach

*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.

Easter Flowers

Decorate the church for Easter

With a \$25 donation you can add beautiful flowers to the sanctuary. We welcome you to submit a dedication that will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

You can pay by check or on our website. Dedications should be email or mailed to the office. The deadline is today.



Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

12:30 pm - Chapel Room



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

3/24 - Palm Sunday

10 am Tone Chimes Choir
during worship
11 am Easter Egg Dyeing

3/28 - Maundy Thursday

7 pm Service

3/29 - Good Friday

Sanctuary open
9 am - 3 pm
Labyrinth in the
Chapel Room

3/31 - Easter Sunday

9 am & 11 am services
10 am - Reception &
Easter Egg Hunt





Easter Activities for the Kids

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH -
9:30 AM - TONE CHIMES
11 AM - EGG DYEING

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST -
10 AM - EGG HUNT



BEDFORD BELLRINGERS

Looking for a new challenge?



Learn to play English handbells with the Bedford Bellringers. You must know how to read music. Prior experience is not needed but is helpful. Reach out to Heidi Michaels, (hmichaels425@gmail.com) handbell director for more information.

In case of inclement weather, please check the BPC website for notices regarding delayed openings and Sunday Worship.

Monday thru Friday, BPC follows the Bedford Central School District's determination on school closings and delays.

Youth Group
**MIDNIGHT
RUN**



S a t u r d a y , M a r c h 2 3 r d



With Temple Shaaray Tefila

Adults from BPC are invited to chaperone and drive, as well as donate snacks, sandwiches, and hygiene supplies.

Please contact courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org to sign up to donate.



ReSET Westchester, Inc.
www.resetwestchester.org

ReSET Westchester needs help!!

As ReSET continues to resettle refugees, we find ourselves in a crisis, scrambling to find housing options.

Can you help our team make phone calls to potential landlords?

Do you know anyone who may have a space that could house a family (any size)? It could be temporary or longer term.

We would appreciate any connections or help that our community can provide. Together we can help these families start their new lives here on a more positive note after all the trauma they have been exposed to.

Please contact Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee to help.



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30 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

communitycenternw.org

Research shows that for low-income children, a college degree is one of the most important factors affecting the likelihood of upward income mobility and long-term success.

SUPPORT A STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL DREAMS!

Recognizing this startling reality, the Community Center launched our Dowling Educational Scholarship Program in 2008. This scholarship program was established to provide encouragement and financial assistance to local qualified individuals of limited means to help them continue on their educational journey and achieve their goals.

Please consider donating to our Dowling Educational Scholarship fund and help change the life of a local student looking to continue their education and secure a brighter future.

Thanks to the generosity of the following members of BPC's congregation, 20 of our neighbors without homes of their own found warm shelter, delicious dinners, hot showers, portable takeaway food, and loving hospitality through the chilly week of February 26 - March 3rd. The Emergency Shelter Partnership (ESP) is sustained by the person-to-person collective care of congregations like ours at Bedford Presbyterian Church, and that takes individual commitment.

We are deeply grateful for everyone's participation and invite anyone interested to join in the effort next season. To participate, contact either ESP Coordinator, Elizabeth Messinger at ehjmessinger@gmail.com (914-980-0059) or BPC's Director of Congregational Life, Elyssa Michaels at elyssa@befordpreschurch.org.

ESP January volunteers 🇺🇸:

Sarah Alley
Tate Atkinson & Tracy Tegtmeier
Brett Beeson
Anne Bentzen
Bob Black
Jon Brandi & The Arc
Westchester
Linda Burpee
Kathy DiBiasi

Nancy Gernert
Ashley Glod-Hayes
H.C.C. Power of
One/Unity Club
Barbara Kanner
Frieda Kautsky
Kim Lapple
Elizabeth Messinger
Elyssa Michaels

Judy Newton
Anne Payne
Chris & Kathy Perry
Cecelia Rosenblum
Sarah Ryan
Inger Savitt
Lisa Sayre
Andrew Strawcutter
Emily Waggenheim



HELP LOCAL TEENS HAVE AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

CCNW'S ANNUAL PROM DRIVE

Each year, CCNW helps our students offset the financial burden of attending Prom by offering them access to formal wear for Prom night. Thanks to the generous donations of dresses, tuxedos, shoes and accessories from our community, our students can confidently attend their Prom in style.



ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING NOW:

- ◆ Long and short dresses
- ◆ Men's/women's dress shoes
- ◆ Bowties/neck ties/cummerbunds
- ◆ Tuxedos and navy/black suits
- ◆ Purses, clutches, jewelry
- ◆ Men's white dress shirts

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER:

Tues, Weds, Fri: 10am - 4pm, Thurs: 12pm - 6pm and Sat: 10am - 1pm

Do you know someone who needs help with Prom clothing?

Call us at 914-232-6572 ext. 105

All calls will be kept confidential.



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Quilting



Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm
Chapel Room

Learn as you go
from other quilters.

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, March 17th

10 am

11 am

4 pm

5th Sunday in Lent

Worship and Youth Collection

Coffee Hour and Session Meeting

Skylark Concert

Monday, March 18th

9 am

Yoga

Tuesday, March 19th

1 pm

Quilting

Thursday, March 21st

10 am

Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net.

Sunday, March 24th

10 am

11 am

Palm Sunday

Worship

Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Dyeing

Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Michelle Gosh, President Brian Hiller-Dupont (Worship),
Anne Bentzen (Vision), Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel),
Amy Drabek (Nominating Committee & Nativity Farm),
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Ashley Glod-Hayes (Friends & Members),
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Finance)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

Deacons

Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley,
Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, Andres Mejía,
Diane Palmento, and 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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