



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Palm Trees" by Samuel Peploe

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

Prelude

Passion Chorale

Johannes Brahms

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences from Psalm 118**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Hosanna to God. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

People: Hosanna to God. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to God. Hosanna in the highest!

***Opening Hymn 88** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Confession

God, we rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives! Joining with the crowds, we sing your praises. Yet, we know that we live in a broken world. Too often, we become enraptured by status, and disappointed with your humility. We are enticed by greed and uninspired by your selflessness. Our treachery guides us to war, even though you call us to peace. Help us to live faithfully.

Have mercy on us, Savior of all. Find us in these forsaken places. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Bring us home again and impart within us a new song of joy and celebration.

[Silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response 577 *Glory Be to the Father*

***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

Hosanna to the Son of David

John Calkin

Poetry Lesson

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering

Anthem *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* William Mathias

***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 the Lord's Prayer

O most compassionate Life-giver, may we honor and praise you. May we work with you to establish your new order of justice peace and love. Give us what we need for growth, and help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness. Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil. For all tenderness, strength, and love are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 102** *Were You There?*

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response Passion Choral arr. J. S. Bach
O Sacred Head

***Postlude** *Fantasia on All Glory, Laud, and Honor* 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.



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

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

12:30 pm - Chapel Room

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.



A graphic with a teal background and a floral border at the bottom. It features four white rabbits and several carrots arranged around three white circles. The central circle is the largest and contains the main title. The two side circles contain additional information.

Help needed for the

EASTER RECEPTION

GO TO THE WEBSITE OR ENEWS TO FIND THE SIGN UP.

March 31
10 am -
between
the
services

Please
check the
sign up for
the items
needed.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Today - Palm Sunday

Easter Egg Dyeing

3/28 - Maundy Thursday

7 pm Worship with a simple meal in Fellowship Hall

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

TODAY

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.



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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.



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.

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 24th

10 am

11 am

Palm Sunday

Worship

Coffee Hour, Easter Egg Dyeing and Session Meeting

Monday, March 25th

9 am

Yoga

Tuesday, March 26th

12:30 pm

1 pm

Lunch with Friends

Quilting

Thursday, March 28th

10 am

7 pm

Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net
Maundy Thursday worship with choir and a simple meal

Sunday, March 31st

9 am

10 am

11 am

Easter Sunday

Worship

Easter Reception and Easter Egg Hunt

Worship

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

Jessica DeAlto, Administrative and Financial Manager

Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries

The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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