



# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Mother and Child” by Marc Chagall

**May 12, 2024**  
**Seventh Sunday after Easter**

**Prelude**

*Basse de Cromhorne*

L. N. Clerambault

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Introit**

G. Thalben-Ball

*O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Opening Sentences** from Psalm 1

Sharon Seidell

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or sit among the cynics, but they delight in the wisdom of God and study it night and day.

**People: You will stand like a tree planted by a stream, bearing fruit in season, its leaves never fading, its yield always plenty.**

**\*Hymn 456**

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

**Confession**

**God of mercy, we have been unfaithful to our promises. We have worshiped money, power, status, and convenience. We have not loved our neighbor, nor have we loved ourselves.**

**Forgive us, Gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of abundant life.**

[Silent confession]

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Sung Response 577** *Glory Be to the Father*

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*You may stand and greet one another.*

### **History Reading**

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Brothers and sisters, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

"So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### **Anthem**

*Alleluia*

H. Purcell

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 17:6-13*

Sharon Seidell

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are

yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

## **Sermon**

Rev. Carol Howard

## **Offering**

### **Anthem**

*Open My Eyes*

K. Lee Scott

### **\*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**

Our mother, which art the earth, nurturing are thy ways.  
Thy web of life be woven, thy way be found within, as it is all around.

Thank you this day for our daily bread and work and forgive us our misuse of you, as we forgive others their misuse of us. And lead us not into exploitation, but deliver us from lording it over you, and over each other, and over all our other fellow creatures.

For thine are the waters of life, the hills, valleys and plains of home,  
the breeding, seeding, feeding ground, for now and forever.

**\*Hymn 473**

*For the Beauty of the Earth  
Verses 1 - 4*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Benediction Response**

*Amen in C*

J. McGregor

**\*Postlude**

*Fuga in C*

D. Buxtehude

\*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 those not yet in kindergarten. Please contact Courtney for more information.*

Today's flowers are dedicated by  
Sue Kelly, in honor of the 5 family  
birthdays we celebrate in May.



COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER'S  
**8TH ANNUAL MOMS FOR MOMS DRIVE**

May 1 through May 15, 2024



Please help local mothers who turn to CCNW for support by donating to our drive for diapers, wipes, baby food and period products!

Moms for Moms has collected over 13,000 pounds of diapers and wipes over the last 7 years!

**WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF:**

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6)
- Baby Food
- Baby Wipes
- Period Products

Purchase online through our Amazon wishlist by scanning the QR code and have it delivered directly to the Center, or drop your donations in person at the Center's donation room!



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# BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday  
10 - 11 am via zoom

Please contact Alan McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net) for the Zoom link.

All are welcome.





## Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

*Sunday, May 19th*

Join us to celebrate the Holy Spirit and our confirmands during worship!

## Nativity Farm Kick off Event

Sunday, May 19th

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On Sunday, May 19th we will have coffee hour outside for our Nativity Farm Kick off! We will plant and see the learning garden space.



## AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

We will hold an all congregation in-person meeting on JUNE 2 in fellowship hall during coffee hour to share the recent survey results, answer questions and get your thoughts and input on next steps.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE POWERFUL AND POINT TO SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT.

PLEASE make every effort to come to the meeting and participate in the discussion. Your further input will be invaluable to the committees building plans for change.

Thank you again for showing us the way to a brighter future for our beloved church community.



We'll look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



THE MOUNT KISCO INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY  
invites you to our

# Community Table

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 • 6-9pm

Bedford Historical Hall • 608 Old Post Road • Bedford, NY  
*A drinks & hors d'oeuvres reception featuring music by DogBone  
"Snappy Casual" Attire*

Our pantry promotes the health and well-being of our Northern Westchester community by providing weekly nutritious food and complementary education and services to those in need.



Purchase tickets online by  
May 13th.

QUESTIONS? Please contact  
development@mountkiscofoodpantry.org.  
[www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org](http://www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org)

#### EVENT COMMITTEE

Lena Cavanna  
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Kelley Housman  
Rick Mast  
Veronica McIlraith  
Rhonda Spevak  
Lisa Summa-Guarino



# 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.

# Quilting



Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm  
Chapel Room

Learn as you go  
from other quilters.



ReSET Westchester, Inc.  
[www.resetwestchester.org](http://www.resetwestchester.org)

## ReSET Westchester needs help!!

We have a family from Venezuela arriving soon and have some items that we could use help getting. Please see the link below.

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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.**

## 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](http://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](mailto:Office@bedfordpreschurch.org) and Elyssa at [Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org) by the end of Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

### Upcoming Events at a Glance

#### Sunday, May 12th

10 am

Worship

11 am

Coffee Hour

#### Monday, May 13th

9 am

Yoga

#### Tuesday, May 14th

12:30 pm

Lunch with Friends

1 pm

Quilting

#### Thursday, May 16th

10 am

Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net)

4 pm

Nativity Farm Work Session

#### Sunday, May 19th

10 am

Pentecost Worship, Youth Collection and Confirmation

11 am

Coffee Hour, Nativity Farm Kick-Off & Session meeting

# 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

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