



# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**February 8, 2026**

**Prelude**

*Voluntary in c*

Maurice Greene

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

*O God Beyond All Praising*

Gustav Holst

**\*Opening Sentences**

Jessica Cunningham

One: Called to be light,

**All: we carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**

One: Called to be salt,

**All: we enrich the lives of those around us with joy.**

One: Called to live in God's reality,

**All: we welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.**

One: Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn 443**

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses.**

**Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Empower us to choose life. Give us once again your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response**

*We Are Forgiven*

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The guitar chords indicated above the notes are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

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

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons**

Today we ordain and install Kate Flynn as a deacon. And, having been previously ordained, we install Polly Muller-Girard once again as a deacon; and we install Bart Tyler, Jessica Cunningham, and Maria Andrea Laverde as elders, having been previously ordained.

Questions to the congregation:

Do we, members of the church, accept Kate and Polly as deacons, and Jessica, Maria, and Bart as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? *Response: **We do.***

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? *Response: **We do.***

## **Time with the Children**

Jackie Kunhardt

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

## **Hebrew Scripture Lesson**      *Isaiah 58:1-9a*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

**Anthem**

*Day By Day*

Martin How

**Gospel Lesson**

*Matthew 5:13-20*

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Sermon**

"In the Soup"

Rev. Dr. Miller

**\*Hymn 434**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**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**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Creator, 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn 369**                    *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Benediction Response**                    *Twofold Amen*                    R. Warner

**Postlude**                    *Poco Vivace*                    H. Schroeder

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

**Announcements & Events**

**FLOWER DONATIONS**

Would you like to honor or celebrate a special person? When you donate flowers for our sanctuary, you can include a dedication in the Sunday bulletin. After worship you take one arrangement home to enjoy and the second arrangement will be given to a member of our congregation who is sick, homebound or who needs cheering up. Please go our website for more information.



# SECOND SUNDAY SOUP



Join us today after  
the service for  
Second Sunday Soup!

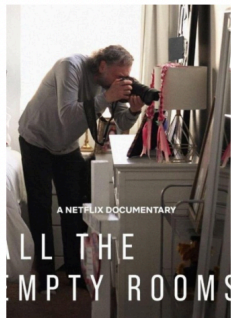


Documentary Screening:  
“All the Empty Rooms”



Today at 11:15 am

This screening is a part of our F.E.A.S.T. programming. It will be shown during Second Sunday Soup. If you want to join us for this viewing, get a bowl of soup and join us in the chapel for this 34 minute film. This will be followed by guided table discussions. A separate children's program will be offered at the same time. No registration is necessary. Bring a friend!



Follow veteran CBS News correspondent Steve Hartman and photographer Lou Bopp as they embark on a seven-year-long project to document the empty bedrooms of children killed in school shootings. Hartman steps away from his heartwarming human interest stories and, unbeknownst to his network's bosses, pursues a piece on absence, memory, and the unseen ripples of America's gun violence epidemic. As these senseless incidents claim more young lives than any other cause in America, these quiet bedrooms reveal truths more powerful than statistics ever could.

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## THE PANTRY

200 Main St., Mt. Kisco, NY

**BPC VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR PANTRY DISTRIBUTION ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th  
4:50-7 PM**

Please help area families in need select food items at a weekly Pantry distribution. No heavy lifting. Adults and Youth 16+ are welcome and please feel free to bring a friend. Youth 15 yrs. old can participate if accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Cecilia Rosenblum at rosenblumclr12@gmail.com or Sharon Seidell at sps1256s@gmail.com.

Check the Enews to Sign Up or email Cecilia.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 8th** | 10 am - Sunday Worship, Ordination & Installation  
11 am - Second Sunday Soup  
11:15 am - FEAST: All the Empty Rooms

**Monday, February 9th** | No Yoga

**Tuesday, February 10th** | 12:30 pm - Lunch & Quilting  
7:15 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm - CE Meeting (Zoom)

**Thursday, February 12th** | 10 am - Bible Study via Zoom

**Sunday, February 15th** | 10 am - Sunday Worship  
11 am - Coffee Hour

## Our Leadership

### Session

**Clerk of Session, Michelle Gosh**  
**President of Trustees, Bart Tyler**  
(Finance & Generosity)  
Anne Bentzen (Worship & Music)  
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Amy Drabek (Giving Garden)  
Dale Forster (Vision)  
Dave Keeffe (Mission)  
Maria Andrea Laverde  
(Christian Education)  
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Barbara Kanner  
Andres Mejia  
Polly Muller-Girard  
Diane Palmento  
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