

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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In an emergency, call Pastor Sawyer (478-335-1628) or Pastor Hagy (603-714-5628)

Elder of the Day – Linda Phelps

Deacon of the Day – Augustus Ansah

Flowers given last week but not listed in the bulletin:

Given by Meredith Potter “in celebration of the birthday of my friend, Deb, who is a breast cancer survivor.”

Flowers today are given by Jean and Cindy Chagnon “in loving memory of Woodrow Cook and in honor of Virginia Cook.”

If you would like to provide flowers for April 22 or April 29 please contact Charlene Isham at ecisham@comcast.net.

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 4/15 10:00 a.m. Worship, Nursery, Church School

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

6:30 p.m. All Church Variety Show

Wed. 4/18 8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. 4/19 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Sun. 4/22 10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School Classes, Nursery

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Giving at Bedford Presbyterian Church – BPC is a generous church! We give thanks that the members and friends of our congregation give of their time, talent, and treasure. Giving your gifts at BPC makes a direct impact on the ways that the love of God through the good news of Jesus Christ is shared. In order to make giving even easier, we are introducing a QR scanner code for your smartphone. Download a free QR app to your phone and scan the code (<<<<<), which will take you directly to our giving website. It’s fun, fast, easy, and makes a huge difference to our ministry! Thank you!

BPC is now a beneficiary of Amazon Smile! [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) Smile will donate 0.5% of each purchase when BPC is selected as the charitable organization. So for every \$100 of purchases 50 cents is received. You can access [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and benefit BPC using this QR Code:



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church. Our doors are open wide and we are glad you are here! Guests, we invite you to take a welcome packet found in our narthex. Disciple Doodle Boards are available in the narthex for older children to use during the service. Thank you and welcome everyone!

GATHERING TOGETHER

Chimes

Gathering Music

“The Risen Lord”

Raney

Welcome

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

Introit

“He is King of Kings”

Spiritual

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen Christ show us God’s own brokenness.

And by these wounds we are healed.

The risen Christ says, “Peace be with you.”

And we are not afraid.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God together.

***Hymn #238**

“Thine is the Glory”

Call to Confession

Elder Linda Phelps

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your

revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us.

We need your forgiveness. We know that we have failed to give as you have

given to us and we ask for your mercy. We seek to live with the faith of

Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. Forgive us and lead us, as your

own children...

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

In the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our prayers have been heard.
God's promises are sure: Be at peace. Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

***Hymn #582**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace had pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

***Statement of Faith – from the Confession of 1967 (9.08)**

Elder Linda Phelps

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory of sin and death for all people.

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

The Children's Message

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

The Lord's Prayer (“Debts”)

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.

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 4

Elder Linda Phelps

Anthem (see insert)

“Now Glad of Heart”

K. Lee Scott

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon

“Bringing Up the Body”

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

(Becoming Witnesses to the Spiritual and the Physical)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #257**

“The Risen Christ”
(vs. 1 & 2 Choir; vs. 3 & 4 All)

Call for the Offering

Deacon Augustus Ansah

Offertory

“Thine Is the Glory”
(From “Resurrection Suite”) Hayes

Offering

***Doxology** (Tune: Old Hundred)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts – praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given to us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***The Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

***Hymn #254**

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

***Benediction**

Co-Pastors Karen Hagy and John Sawyer

The word of God assures us: What we will be has not yet been revealed.

We will live, therefore, with hope, sharing joy, withholding our anger, and turning to all people with gentleness.

The Lord bless and keep you, shine upon you with grace and mercy, and give you what is needed for each new day.

Amen!

Postlude

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Woods

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

BPC Variety Show – Tonight - April 15 at 6:30 PM

Tonight, join us for the BPC Variety Show at 6:30 PM! It's going to be a fun night of celebrating the talents of our congregation AND will be a fundraiser for our upcoming Youth service project called "Rise Against Hunger." Tickets are \$10 per person (\$20 per family) and all proceeds will go to feeding hungry people around the world.

Presbyterian Women Retreat

Presbyterian Women of Presbytery of Northern New England invite you to their Spring Retreat, "Opening Gifts", on May 11-12, 2018. The retreat will be held at the Calumet Lutheran Camp and Conference Center in Freedom, NH 03836. Both days are planned to stand alone. However, we hope many will opt to stay overnight and meet our sisters from other churches and states. Full or partial scholarships are available. The registration brochure contains the registration form and program information and can be found posted on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. For further information please contact: Linda Barlow, 978-397-2897 or Linda-Barlow@hotmail.com.

Mission Opportunities

Helping Hands - Please consider volunteering with Helping Hands on the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. On each of these Saturdays we will be working on projects at the Dismas House in Manchester. Contact George Reese at 714-4317 or at georeese@msn.com.

Stress Management for Faithful People

Sunday May 6, 2018 at 11:00Am in the Youth Activity Room

Dr. David Reynolds of Pastoral Counseling Services will be leading an Adult Ministry Class on stress management and how Christians can find balance in our lives as busy, heavily scheduled people of God. Join us for coffee, cookies and a great discussion! See Pastor Karen for more information.

Sanctuary Accessibility Project

After taking over a year to study the need for handicap and choir accessibility, the Session has voted to make some much-needed changes to our historic sanctuary. The project was proposed by both the Building and Grounds and the Worship and Music Committees and will involve removing several pews and laying down hardwood floor near the pulpit. The cost of the project is being covered by a generous gift to BPC the work will occur when new carpet is installed in the coming months. If you are interested in the project details or have any questions, you are welcome to meet with Alicia Wooldridge and Bev Hoover in the Living Room (right below the sanctuary) after worship today. Additional information will be mailed to you in the coming weeks and more information sessions will be scheduled over the next few months.

NOW GLAD OF HEART

REFRAIN: Now glad of heart be everyone!
The fight is fought, the day is won.
The Christ is set upon his throne. Alleluia!

Who on the rood was crucified,
Who rose again, as at this tide.
In glory to His Father's side. Alleluia, alleluia.

Who baffled death and harrowed hell,
And led the souls that loved him well,
All in the light of lights to dwell. Alleluia!

To him we lift our heart and voice,
And in his paradise rejoice,
With harp, and pipe, and happy noise. Sing alleluia!

Then rise all Christian folk, with me,
And carol forth the One in Three,
That was, and is and is to be. Alleluia!

REFRAIN

Music Ministry

Chimers Unite! Hey kids, if you would like to be a part of our special tribute to moms on Mother's Day, May 13th, plan to attend one or more of the following rehearsals: Saturday, 5/5 at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 5/6 at 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 5/12 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Barb Flocco at weddingorganist@hotmail.com for more information.

Choir Festival – Come One, Come All! On April 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church in Exeter, our choir will join with 5 other area choirs to present the First Annual Seacoast Choral Festival. Come cheer on your glorious BPC Choir!