

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Karen Hagy, *Pastor Emeritus*

During worship, please refrain from taking flash photos and silence your cell phones.

In an emergency, call Pastor Sawyer (478-335-1628)

Elder of the Day – Kathy Loveless

Deacon of the Day – Kevin Avery

Flowers today are given by Lorraine Emerson in “loving memory of my father.”

Music for today’s service is led by Melinda Chen and Sean Michalski. Thank you for offering your gifts!

Note: The Fellowship Hall outside double doors will be locked during BPC’s 10 a.m. worship for safety purposes. Please enter through the front doors of the church if you arrive after 10 a.m. If you are bringing someone who needs extra help with seating, plan to arrive before 10 a.m. Thank you!

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 1/12	9:00 a.m. Auction Meeting 10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Children’s Ministry Committee Meeting 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Weds. 1/15	5:30-7 p.m. Hilltop Ringers 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 1/16	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Sun. 1/19	10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship

**2020 Annual All-Member BPC Progressive Dinner
Saturday January 25th**

Appetizer Homes 5-6:30 -Dinner Host Homes 6:45-8:45

Dessert & Decaf at Fellowship Hall 8:45-10pm

Mark your calendars and sign up by going to My BPC, or responding to the Email you will soon get from Nancy Wickwire (anwick@comcast.net) . Needed information: Your name(s) (groups of 1-3), your contact email and any dietary restrictions.

It’s always a wonderful evening, and a great way to get to know each other in a casual and tasty atmosphere. Hope you can join in!



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12, 2020– 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have found your way through our big front doors! You are invited to join us for coffee hour at the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. service in our Fellowship Hall. Guests, we invite you to take a welcome bag found in our narthex. Disciple Doodle Boards are available in the narthex for older children to use during the service. Nursery is available downstairs. Thank you and welcome everyone!

GATHERING TOGETHER

Chimes

Gathering Music

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Niles

Sean Michalski, solo

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Kathy Loveless

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that God’s people could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary’s womb.

Jesus taught us to live by washing his disciples’ feet.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman – the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, when God said, “This is my Child, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

In baptism, as God’s own children, God says the same thing to us.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God, together!

***Hymn # 475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Elder Kathy Loveless

Eternal God, in whom we live and move have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son, in whose name we pray...

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Elder Kathy Loveless

God's voice thunders above the sound of loud waters and calls us over and above the floods of life. God's love for us is strong and when God speaks, we are told again and again that our sins are forgiven and that we are loved. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

*Sung Response "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)

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ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

Children's Message

Pastor John Sawyer

First Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"Ride On King Jesus"

Burleigh

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

"A River Runs Through It"
(Connected by Grace)

Pastor John Sawyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn # 490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" vv. 1-2

Remembrance of Baptism

*As the music begins, all are invited to come forward to touch the water
and remember God's grace. As you come to the baptismal font, you are invited to sing:*

Wash over me, wash over me, wash over me, I pray.

Wash over me, wash over me, wash over me today.

Call for the Offering

Deacon Kevin Avery

Offertory

"Deep River"

Burleigh

*Doxology # 606

(Tune: Old Hundreth)

*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

Deacon Kevin Avery

Saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with the offerings of others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

Pastor John Sawyer

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.

*The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And with you.

Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn # 375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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!

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