

**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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

**Elder of the Day** – Alicia Wooldridge

**Deacon of the Day** – David Hunter

**Flowers today are given** “in celebration of Marianne Sharpe’s birthday.”

**BPC CALENDAR**

Sun. 10/13	9:00 a.m. Children’s Musical Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship, Aristotle 101 Class 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Mon. 10/14	Office Closed – Columbus Day
Wed. 10/16	7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:30-7 p.m. Hilltop Ringers 6-7 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
Thurs. 10/17	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Sun. 10/20	9:00 a.m. Children’s Musical Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship, Aristotle 101 Class 2:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group??? 5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group????

**Women’s Books and Bible Group** are on a two week break and will resume on Thursday, October 31 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss and read the entire book “Harry’s Trees” by Jon Cohen.

**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!



# Bedford Presbyterian Church

## 18th Sunday After Pentecost

### October 13, 2019 – 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.

Thank you and welcome everyone!

### GATHERING TOGETHER

**Chimes**

**Gathering Music**

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Pachelbel

**Welcome and Announcements**

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

**Introit**

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Ahle; Harm, JS Bach

**Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Sing your praises to the glory of God’s name.

**Great and awesome are the works of God.**

**The whole universe sings of God’s power.**

Gather to remember all that God has revealed.

Come to discover what God is doing among us.

**God is faithful and just in all things.**

**The promises of God are trustworthy and true.**

Present your best selves for God.

Work and witness in bold accord!

**Bless God and let our praise be heard.**

**Let us worship the Lord.**

**\*Hymn # 409**

“God is Here”

**Call to Confession**

Elder Alicia Wooldridge

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Forgiving God, once more we seek your pardon and protection. We find ourselves in exile from the best we know. We have focused so much of our attention on our own concerns that we have neglected the welfare of our community. We see our own hardships more readily than we feel the vast suffering around us. We forget the mercy we have received. We are angry when we should be grateful. Restore us to covenant faithfulness, we pray.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon** (Responsive)

We are healed and forgiven by a trustworthy God whose righteousness endures forever. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Remember the resurrection of Jesus and accept the opportunity to be raised to new life in Christ.

**Our faith makes us well and prepares us for eternal glory. We are forgiven, loved and free!**

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

**ENCOUNTERING THE WORD**

**The Word with Children – Peanut Butter and Tuna**

(Children stay through the Children’s Message then exit to attend Church School in the Lower Level)

**Scripture Reading** 2 Timothy 2:8-15

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

**Anthem** “Ubi Caritas” 11th Century Latin, Arr. Bullard

Refrain: Where all charity and love are, God is always there.

We are all gathered unto one by the Christ’s love,  
Let us all rejoice and be glad in him: let us praise God.  
Let us revere and let us love the living God,  
Let us love each other from the depths of our heart.

Refrain

Therefore here’er we are gathered all together, let our thoughts not be divided, let us be one.

Let us cease to quarrel, let us live in peace.  
Let us center our thoughts with Christ in our midst.

Refrain

And with all the blessed company of saints let us see God.

Let us see your glorious and most holy face: Christ the one God.

Pure and unbounded joy be ours, Jesus Christ, Our Lord for ever and ever, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**Sermon** “Charity Mission Workers” Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn # 729** “Lord, I Want to be a Christian”  
vs. 2 Women; vs. 3 Men

**Call for the Offering** Deacon David Hunter

**Offertory** “Lord, I Want to be a Christian” arr. Callahan

**\*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 David Hunter

**We bring the first fruit of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**

**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 # 300** “We Are One in the Spirit”

**\*Commission and Blessing** Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

Go your way; giving praise and yourselves in thankful living.

**We will bless God as long as we live.**

**We will reach out to help others every day.**

Share the gospel and seek to embody the Word of truth.

**We will work for the welfare of God’s people.**

**We will be missionaries of giving.**

Surely God is faithful and will help us.

Live confidently, assured of God’s forgiving love.

**Great are the works of God, which endure forever.**

**We rejoice that we may abide in covenant with God.**

Amen. Amen.

**Postlude** “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” arr. Hayes

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

Children's Musical Rehearsal: Every Sunday through December 8, at 9 a.m. in the Choir Room. For more info contact Sarah Murai at [muraisarah@gmail.com](mailto:muraisarah@gmail.com).

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**YOUTH NEWS!**

All 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to be part of our Confirmation Class! This year's Confirmation Class will meet mostly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month – September through mid-April. *If you want to be part of Confirmation Class this year, please contact John Sawyer ([jsawyer@bedfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:jsawyer@bedfordpresbyterian.org)) so that we can get an accurate count.*

All 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to be part of our Middle Youth Group gatherings, which will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the afternoon. More information will be coming soon!

All 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to be part of our Senior High Youth Group gatherings, which will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the evening. More information will be coming soon about these meetings!



**ADULT OFFERINGS**

The Women's Books and Bible Group will meet on Thursdays, at 10:30 am in the Living Room We will be reading the book "The Denial of Death" by Ernest Becker. We will be discussing the first three chapters. For more information contact Marilyn Brock 488-2141.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Discussion – Starting September 25 – 6-7 p.m. *The Call: The Life and Message of Paul.* This video series and discussion will provide an introduction to the ministry of the Apostle Paul as an example to all Christians. Bring a covered dish to share!

- Week 4 – Called to Love
- Week 5 – Called to Give
- Week 6 – Called to be Faithful

Aristotle's Way: How Ancient Wisdom can Change your Life by Edith Hall is the book we will be using in the upcoming class facilitated by Bob Godbout, Sundays following worship beginning October 6 through November 10th. "Our debt, cultural, and theological to Aristotle, by agreement or disagreement with his thought, is incalculable. Here is your chance to be introduced to him in a course designed to be fun, easy, and nourishing for our moral and spiritual lives. Books can be found outside the church offices. Join us!

**THANKSGIVING BASKET MINISTRY NEEDS**

**You can sign up for any of the following on the Bulletin Board outside the church offices or by going to [bit.ly/turkey\\_basket](http://bit.ly/turkey_basket)**

1. Saturday, November 23 – 8 people needed to pick-up food. Meet in the front of Market Basket at 8:30 a.m.
2. Tuesday, November 26 – 8 people needed to pick-up perishables. Meet in the front of Market Basket at 7:00 a.m.
3. Tuesday, November 26 – Donate Turkeys – Please deliver to BPC by 8:00 a.m.
4. Tuesday, November 26 – Packers and Delivery Folks arrive to BPC by 8:00 a.m.

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**Also Needed are Boxes for Thanksgiving**

The Deacons are collecting boxes – the kind of boxes that carry reams of paper – to use for this year' Thanksgiving Baskets. Bring empty boxes from your office or school and put them outside Fellowship Hall. This year we need over 400 boxes!

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**Peanut Butter and Tuna**

Deacons request the donation of 204 jars of Peanut Butter and 204 cans of Tuna for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Boxes for donations are found at the front of the church. Thank you!

