



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2019 9:00 AM

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are here!

GATHERING TOGETHER

Chimes

Opening Music

Welcome

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive – from Colossians 1)

Elder Sandra Mackey

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have hope in God, which inspires our faith in Christ.

The hope we have in God helps us to love one another.

It is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world.

May we be made strong with the strength that comes from God’s glorious power.

Let us give thanks to God, who is bringing us into the kingdom of heaven.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God together.

*Hymn # 624

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

TOULON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 82)

Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, yet we do not honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us. We do not defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers. We do not uphold the poor, the oppressed, and the needy. Instead, we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect. How long will we live unjustly? Rise up to judge us, O God. We pray for your merciful justice because we are tired of living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children...

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

God’s unconditional love knows no bounds. God loves us in such a way that we are restored to health and wholeness. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me – Hymn # 582

GLORY TO GOD

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

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

The Word with Children

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

First Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Special Music

“To a Wild Rose”

MacDowell

Second Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon

“Like a Good Neighbor”
(With-ness as Witness)

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn # 177

“I Will Come to You”

YOU ARE MINE

Call for the Offering

Deacon Mary Beth Dopfer

Offertory

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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)

Almighty God, we praise you! In your mercy, you have given us life everlasting and freedom from death. In your love, you have given us the strength to stand up and continue on our journey. In your wisdom and care, you have washed us clean and granted us healing and forgiveness. May we use these gifts to your glory with mercy, love, and wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn

“Somebody Prayed for Me”

SOMEBODY PRAYED

*Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind,
Took the time to pray for me.
I’m so very glad, I’m so glad they (she/he) prayed
I’m so glad they (she/he) prayed for me.*

My sister. . . My brother. . . My mother. . . My father. . . My Savior. . .

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**All are invited to stand, in body or spirit.*

The flowers in worship today are given by Fran and Matt Bader in loving memory of Fran’s sister, Margaret.

Summer Sunday School will be held this morning after The Word with Children!

Our Nursery is also available for children, 0 to 4 years of age.

BPC welcomes Jill Pennington to the piano bench today and is grateful for her gift of music.

Our 9 AM Sunday worship services continue through the summer. Our 10 AM service will resume September 8.



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