

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Karen J. Hagy, *Co-Pastor*

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The Rev. Harold G. Williams, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*

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

Please help us take care of our new carpet!

Water and baby bottles are A-ok; coffee, tea, and food please keep away.

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 – David Hunter

Flowers today are given in “memory of our son, David Gere,” by his parents, Beverly and Bill Gere.

Sunday, December 16th is available for anyone wishing to place flowers in church that day.

Special thanks to our own Jill Pennington for filling in so capably today as choir director/pianist.

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 11/11	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship/Science and Spirit Class 2-4 p.m. Musical Rehearsal New Members Class rescheduled until January...stay tuned!
Mon. 11/12	Veterans Day – Office Closed
Wed. 11/14	8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers 1:30 p.m. Birch Hill Service 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/15	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Sun. 11/18	10:00 a.m. Worship – Celebration and Commitment Sunday 11:00 a.m. Thanks for Giving Luncheon – Please RSVP 4:30 p.m. Packing of Thanksgiving Baskets

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 to our giving website. It’s fun, fast, easy, and makes a huge difference to our ministry!

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
Fearless Generosity – Season of Stewardship
November 11, 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

Gathering Music

Chimes

Welcome

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

Minute for Mission: Fellowship

Elder Linda Phelps

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Introit

“O Gracious Light”

Hogan

Call to Worship

Come, all who are anxious or burdened.
This is a time to experience good news!

This is God’s house, and we can meet God here.
We are brought together in the family of God.

Come with expectancy and anticipation!
God is present to greet you and change your life.

We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.
We have come to be equipped for our ministry.

In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy.
In our preparation for worship, we discover life!

Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn # 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Call to Confession

Elder Linda Phelps

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, the parable of the widow’s two mites challenges us to examine our hearts and our priorities. We are surrounded by others who need a listening and compassionate ear, who need us to take notice and show our concern. But we hurry by, so consumed with our own needs and affairs that we scarcely notice. Forgive us for being so self-absorbed. People also need us to mentor or teach, repair homes, sort clothing, prepare food, coffee, or offer other expertise or guidance, but we fail to offer our services. Forgive us for

being selfish with our resources. We are blessed with material goods in abundance, yet our giving is more often characterized by fear and scarcity than by generosity. Forgive us for being tight-fisted with our money. Remind us of the example of the widow, whose heart was so full of devotion that she couldn't help but give all she had. May we become more generous and joyful...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Linda Phelps

Friends, the Word of the Lord is trustworthy and sure!

When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us.
We are made new creatures in Christ.

Hallelujah! We are forgiven, loved, and free. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn # 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*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

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

*The 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.

A Word about the Thanksgiving Baskets

Deacons David Hunter and Rich Rudduck

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 146

Deacon David Hunter

Anthem

“What Shall I Render to My God”

Lovelace

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 12:38-44

Sermon

“A Costly Gift”

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

“The Temple Rang with Golden Coins”

(see insert)

Stewardship Testimony

“Fearless Generosity”

Elder Bev Hoover

Call for the Offering

Elder Bev Hoover

Offertory

Jill Pennington

*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)

Elder Bev Hoover

Holy and Gracious God, with thankful and glad hearts we offer our tithes and offerings to you. Thank you for the privilege of participating in your kingdom, of spreading the good news, and of taking care of the “least of these.” Use these gifts, and us, for your purposes and will in our world. With grateful hearts we pray...

*Sung Response (Unison)

What would you do through me, Lord?

What would you do through me?

The Prayers of the People

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

*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 # 305

“Come, Sing, O Church in Joy”

*Benediction

The Co-Pastors

To the love, grace and peace of God we commend you and all those you love, wherever they may be. As you go forth from this place remember the generosity of the widow, who gave everything that another might have something. Go and do likewise.

Amen.

Postlude

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

Academy: Science and Spirit Forum

BPC member Paul Carr Ph.D. will be offering several modules on the topic of “Truth & Beauty in Science, Spirit & Society in the Youth Lounge at 11:00AM on the following dates:

11/11 Finding TRUTH in our Media
12/2 Beauty as motivation TRUTH and its Illumination
12/9 The Creative Cooperative Cosmos

Grab a cup of coffee at the coffee hour and join in this time of lively discussion and enrichment!
For questions or more information please email Paul at paul.carr2@comcast.net.

Café 1269 Volunteer Needed

Food Delivery Volunteer Needed: One additional individual is needed to help deliver food once every six weeks with another team member. Pick up is at 8:30 am on your designated Saturday at the Jenkins Rd (Bedford) Hannaford. Deliveries are made at Cafe 1269 in downtown Manchester. Contact Sue Gobel at 471-0248 or 714-8496 or s.gobel@comcast.net for more info.

Christmas is Coming!

Plans are already well underway for BPC’s Advent and Christmas season. If you are a 6-12th grader and would like a part in the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, please contact Co-Pastor John at jsawyer@bedfordpresbyterian.org.

Intergenerational Event – Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, December 2, 5-6:30 p.m. Fellowship will provide pizza, salad, dessert, and drinks! You provide the Christmas Cheer and can-do decorating skills. There will be something for all ages – join in the fun as we enter Advent! Please RSVP on the blue sheet or on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall!

Hold the Date – Children’s Musical – Sunday, December 9 at 10:00 a.m. Service

Our children will lead us in story and song with their musical “Back to the Manger.”

“Boost Your Immune System” on Sunday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Join Kim Lovely, registered dietician, and learn how you can nourish your body to ward off or minimize the impact of the germs that cause colds and flu.

We are now into viral season. Unless you plan to spend the winter holed up at home, it’s impossible to not be exposed to the invisible germs around us. But a healthy immune system can help defend you against invasion and it can help you recover more quickly if you do catch a virus.

You will have the opportunity to taste immune boosting foods and drinks. At the end of the seminar you will be given a “Seven Day Slim Down”. This is an opportunity to follow a menu with recipes eliminating sugar while boosting immune building nutrition.

We look forward to seeing you at this educational seminar in the Youth Lounge, Sunday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m.!!