

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn # 515

“I Come with Joy”

***Commission and Blessing**

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

God's Word is powerful.

It is given to shake us from our complacency.

We are aware of the needy among us.

We are determined to faithfully serve God's people.

Let us speak God's Word faithfully and pray with confidence.

God will hear our prayers.

God will equip us for our service.

And may the blessings of our loving God rest upon you now and forevermore.

Postlude

“I Come with Joy”

Callahan

*Those who are able are invited to stand

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

(Pastor Karen will be unavailable from 8/4 – 9/2 – Call Pastor John for emergencies)

Elder of the Day – Larry Cowen

Deacon of the Day – Deb Sferrazza

Thank you to today's guest soloist, Charlene Isham.

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 8/4 9:00 a.m. Worship

Sun. 8/11 9:00 a.m. Worship

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

8th Sunday After Pentecost

August 4, 2019 – 9:00 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 9:00 a.m. service in our Fellowship Hall. Guests, we invite you to take a welcome packet found in our narthex. Worship folders are available in the narthex for older children to use during the service. Thank you and welcome everyone!

GATHERING TOGETHER

Chimes

Gathering Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Best

Welcome and Announcements

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Welcome to worship!

We have come to meet our God who welcomes us.

We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.

Listen, for God will speak to those who want to hear.

Turn your hearts toward the one who saves.

We bow down to receive God's mercy.

We open ourselves to the One who hears our prayers.

God will answer us and will give what is good.

God restores us to faithfulness and righteousness.

We come asking, searching, and praying.

We seek the good gifts only God can provide.

Let us worship God!

Invocation

Living God, we come as your children to be reclaimed and blessed. We need the inner strength that comes to us through worship. All week long we have wrestled with our troubles. Take away the noisy clamor that would make us captives of human traditions. Turn us toward the source of our salvation, toward your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

*Hymn # 465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Call to Confession

Elder Larry Cowen

Prayer of Confession (Unison) (Insert Silence at the ellipses)

Heavenly Teacher, we do not always pray as we ought.
Help us to speak your truth and to listen for your forgiveness:
When we pray, “Our Father in heaven, “but forget to embrace all people as your children...
When we say “Your kingdom come” without working for your kingdom on earth...
When we ask for our daily bread, but do not recognize it as a gift...
When we request forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to pardon others...
When we plead not to be led into times of trial, but walk willingly into temptation...
When we honor you with our lips, but fail miserably with our lives...
O Lord forgive us. Help us to pray unceasingly, that we may be transformed by the renewing power of your Spirit. Create spaces in our prayer, that we might hear and live out your words with love and justice, grace and forgiveness...

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive) Elder Larry Cowen

In our prayers, when we are penitent, God restores us.
God lights a fire within us so we can change our world for the better.
In the name of Jesus Christ, who endured the cross for us, we dare to speak up for compassion, love, and peace.
Thanks be to God...
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

Children’s Message Co-Pastor John Sawyer

***The Lord’s Prayer # 464**

Scripture Reading Luke 11:1-13

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

Sermon “Relearning the Lord’s Prayer” Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn # 469 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Call for the Offering and Deacons Fund Deacon Deb Sferrazza

Offertory “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” arr. Medema

***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**

Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, we would honor you with our offerings. May the programs we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, as our model in facing all circumstances and giving ourselves for others. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give our thanks and praise.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Special Music “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” M. Hayes
Soloist: Charlene Isham

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

*You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice and partake. All of the bread today is gluten free.
If you prefer to receive communion in your seat, the celebrants will
Come to you.*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayers after Communion

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

***The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And with you.

Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.