

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

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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 – Alicia Wooldridge

Deacon of the Day – Tom Green

Flowers last Sunday were given by: The Reese Family “in loving memory of our beloved mother and grandmother, Jean Gilkes.”

Flowers today are given by: Jean and Cindy Chagnon “in loving memory of Woodrow Cook and in honor of Virginia Cook.

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 4/14	Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship – Palm Parade (Kids meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.) 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. The Mission Outpost Dessert Event – All are invited!
Wed. 4/17	8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers 1:30 p.m. Birch Hill Service 6-7 p.m. Dinner and Discussion 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 4/18	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Fri., 4/19	OFFICE CLOSED – GOOD FRIDAY
Sat. 4/20	10:00 -11:30 a.m. Children’s Easter Event
Sun. 4/21	EASTER 8:30 a.m. Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship *Tours of Mission Outpost after Worship. Meet Bev Hoover in Fellowship Hall



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday – Into Passion Sunday

April 14, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Chimes

Welcome

One Great Hour of Sharing

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Gathering Music

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Southern Harmony

BPC Brass: Eric Berry and David Blake, trumpet;
John Sawyer, trombone; Sean Michalski, euphonium

Call to Worship

This is a day of joyous welcome.

We welcome Christ with waving branches.

Our Savior comes humbly, riding a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name.

Jesus rides into the tumult of our times and

People still oppose the way of love.

Yet, love prevails in spite of opposition.

Give thanks that God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Open to us the gates of righteousness.

Let us enter into the light God offers.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God, together!

***Hymn #196**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Introduction: Youth and Senior; 1st Refrain Children; vs. 1-4 Palm Procession

*All are invited to raise their palm branches and wave them
during the singing of the hymn and the Children’s Palm Parade!*

Call to Confession

Elder Alicia Wooldridge

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we cannot possible grasp the meaning of the Incarnation. That you emptied yourself to become one of us, that you walked among us and experienced the full range of human emotion, that you humbled yourself and suffered on the cross in our place – it is too marvelous for us to understand. You call us to live as your children, reflecting your love and grace and glory. You call us to live in a manner worthy of the great sacrifice you made on our behalf. Despite wanting to live up to your high calling, we fail time and time again. We grasp where you let go. We are proud where you were humble. We avoid pain and disappointment and suffering, where you embraced it for the sake of love. Forgive us, gracious God. Renew and restore us that we might walk the way of Jesus, the way of the cross.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Out of the depths of God’s eternal love for us, God hears our prayers, forgives our sins and sets us free to live and work for God’s glory.

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are free! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

Children’s Message

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

First Scripture Reading

Zachariah 9:9-10

Combined Anthem

“There In God’s Garden” (#226 In Hymnal)
vs. 1, 5 & 6 All; vs. 2 Women; vs. 3 Men; vs. 4 Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Winners and Losers” Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn # 200**

“A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd”
vs. 1 Choir

Call for the Offering

Deacon Tom Green

Offertory

“What Wondrous Love is This” Hayes

***Doxology** (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 (Unison)

Deacon Tom Green

O God, May these offerings and our One Great Hour of Sharing offering bring life-changing good news, both to those who give and to all who are reached by the caring ministries of the church. May they help to restore relationships of trust among us and outpourings of generosity that echo your steadfast love around the world. May your saints be raised to new life to bring your new order and Kingdom among us, O God of all times and places. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (“debts”)

Co-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.

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn # 198**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

***Commission and Blessing**

We will remember the story of Holy Week.

The sorrow of this week could weigh us down.

Yet working through grief can bring new life.

By facing up to evil, we lose our fears.

By pointing to a better way, we help our neighbors.

We are appointed as teachers, listeners and learners.

We are equipped for trusting servanthood.

The cost of love is worth any price. To live by love is to find fulfillment.

ALL: WE WILL CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS AND BEYOND.

May the blessing of our Lord and Savior go with you all! Amen!

Postlude

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Martin

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

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LOST AND FOUND

Beginning Sunday, April 7th through Friday April 19th a lost and found table will be set up outside the church offices. We have coats, hats, gloves, glasses, jewelry, assorted kitchenware, etc. Come by and take a look! Those items not claimed by Friday April 19th will be donated.

MILITARY SERVICE

We are currently updating our Military Service List which will be posted on the Bulletin Board outside Fellowship Hall. If you or a member of your family associated with BPC is currently serving or has served in the past; please contact the church office at 472-5841 so we can add you to the list.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need 2-3 people (or two families or a committee) to provide and serve together each Sunday. Volunteers provide treats, make coffee and mix lemonade, serve and clean-up. Suggested: 5-6 dozen treats (for example: cookies, bars, cupcakes, donut holes, etc.) Instruction for brewing coffee are posted on the kitchen counter. The 100-cup coffee maker needs 1 hour to brew. Coffee, tea, lemonade, and serving supplies (cups, napkins, plates, etc.) are provided by Fellowship committee. The Baker's Dozen can assist with treats. Contact Linda Phelps with any questions : linda.phelps@comcast.net. Fellowship committee will take a break from organizing Coffee Hour during the months of July & August.

Open dates:

April 28, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16 (Father's Day), June 23, & June 30

Thank you to our Wintertime Coffee Hour Hosts!

Tom Green, Carolyn Swift, Penny Torbich, Teri Foster, Meredith Potter, Deb McKinstry, Gigi Munoz, The Sampson Family, Cindy Chagnon & Nancy Martineau, Melinda Chen & Children's Ministry, The Boy Scouts, Beverly & Mike Hoover and Buildings and Ground committee, Susan Reese & Judy Crandal, Antal Bodogh, Mary Beth Dopfer & Building Bridges committee, and the support of the Baker's Dozen!

Holy Week and Easter

Saturday, April 20 – 10-11:30 a.m.

“The Easter Story”

A Children's Ministry Easter Program for Little Ones through Fifth Graders!



Join us for story, scripture, song, crafts (we will be making Easter hats/crafts), fun, and great snacks and of course the Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your Easter basket.

RSVP to the office is a must, please email Michelle, mjones@bedfordpresbyterian.org or call 472-5841 and talk with Michelle.

Together we will learn all about the true meaning of Easter! Join us for this fun, faithful event!

Maundy Thursday Worship Service, April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Guest Soloist Bobby Thompson. Communion will be served.



Easter Sunday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. Family Worship and 10:30 Traditional Service

There will be a Children's Message at the 8:30 a.m. Service. The 10:30 Service will feature the Senior Choir and Handbells. There is no Sunday School on Easter but Nursery will be offered at both services.

Help spread joy this Easter season by becoming a Deacon for a Day.
The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help deliver Easter flowers to shut-in members of our congregation. If you can help with this special mission meet at the front of the sanctuary after the Easter Service on Sunday, April 21. Any questions please contact Barbara Sofield at 472-8152.
