

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 – Sandy Mackey

Deacon of the Day – Mary Beth Dopfer

Flowers today are given by Beverly and Bill Gere “in loving memory of loved ones.”

Flowers: January 26, 2020 is available for flowers. Contact Charlene Isham at ecisham@comcast.net if interested.

Note: The Fellowship Hall outside double doors will be locked during BPC’s 10 a.m. worship for safety purposes. Please enter through the front doors of the church if you arrive after 10 a.m. If you are bringing someone who needs extra help with seating, plan to arrive before 10 a.m. Thank you!

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 11/10	9:00 a.m. Children’s Musical Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship, <i>Aristotle 101 Class postponed for today</i> , “Taking Care of Yourself During the Holidays” Nutrition Class
Mon. 11/11	5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Office Closed – Veterans Day
Weds. 11/13	7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:30-7 p.m. Hilltop Ringers
Thurs. 11/14	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Read Your Own Book Club at Swain’s
Sun. 11/17	Commitment Sunday – Guest Preacher Tigea Cornelius 9:00 a.m. Children’s Musical Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship

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

Celebrating Abundance – Abundant Serving

November 10, 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. Nursery is available downstairs. Thank you and welcome everyone!

GATHERING TOGETHER

Gathering Music
Chimes

“Prelude in F Major”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Introit

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord”

Cameroon Song/Johnson

Call to Worship (Responsive – from Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praises to God all my life long.

The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord will reign forever.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God, together.

***Hymn # 697**

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

vs. 1, 4, 6 All; vs. 2 Women; vs 3 Choir; vs. 5 Men

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Elder Sandy Mackey

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we

have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not

loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our

Lord. . .

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Elder Sandy Mackey

“Do not fear,” says the Lord, “for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name and you are mine.” God is doing a new thing. Now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, God is doing a new thing in us. We are forgiven and set free for love and service.

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen!

*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 Children’s Message

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

Elder Sandy Mackey

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

Anthem

“What Shall I Render to My God”

Lovelace

*What shall I render to my God for all His mercy’s store?
I’ll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace And to His glory live.
My vows I will to His great name before His people pay.
And all I have and all I am, upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee what e’er is mine,
Born in Thy family below and by redemption Thine.
Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free.
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, Ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv’n,
Till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heaven.
-Charles Wesley*

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-13

Sermon

“One Way to Live”

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

(Living Sacrificially through Abundant Serving)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn # 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

First Time – Choir; Second Time - All

Stewardship Stories

Welcoming New Members

Call for the Offering and Deacons Fund

Deacon Mary Beth Dopfer

Offertory

“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated”

arr. Nielsen

*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 Mary Beth Dopfer

God of all creation, we give thanks for these gifts and pray that they might be vessels of your peace as we seek your new heaven and new earth. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with distress and calm it. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with pain and heal it. Help us take these gifts out into a world full of need and offer our compassionate and loving presence as a living sacrifice. 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

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

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 # 722

“Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak”

*Charge and Benediction

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

Postlude

“The Sacrifice of Love”

arr. Ham

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Stewardship Celebration and Commitment Sunday - November 17

We are invited to bring forth our pledges and gifts to God!
Guest Preacher: Thea Kornelius from Mission at the Eastward
Luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall

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 MYBPC and click on "Needs"

1. Saturday, November 23 – 8 people needed to pick-up food. Meet in the front of Market Basket at 8:30 a.m.
2. Sunday, November 24 – after worship packing with our youth
3. Tuesday, November 26 – 8 people needed to pick-up perishables. Meet in the front of Market Basket at 7:00 a.m.
4. Tuesday, November 26 – Donate Turkeys – Please deliver to BPC by 8:00 a.m.
5. Tuesday, November 26 – Packers and Delivery Folks arrive to BPC by 8:00 a.m.

*******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!

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!

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CHILDREN'S MUSICAL NEEDS - CAN YOU HELP?

1. At least two backstage helpers (total of about 9 hours of rehearsal / show hours - 3 hours Dec 8, 3 hours Dec 14, 3 hours Dec 15) - perhaps kids in confirmation class would like to help out as part of their required volunteer / service hours?
2. Small stools, step-stool size, preferably wood
3. Knap-sack, biblical period appearance
4. Blanket or two, biblical period appearance
5. Animal puppet (barnyard animals - could use 2 more)
6. Sheep puppets or stuffed animals
7. Rubber Chicken

Christmas Musical--"It's So Bright!"

Mark your calendar for this year's Christmas musical, entitled, "It's So Bright!" The musical will be performed by the children and youth of BPC at the 10:00am service on Sunday, December 15th. Stick around for a coffee hour and reception to celebrate our hard-working cast and crew!

St. Nick's Workshop and Parents' Afternoon Out

Attention Moms and Dads! The Children's Ministry Committee would like to offer you a free afternoon to shop, bake, or simply relax before Christmas. Your children aged 4-12 are invited to a fun afternoon at St. Nick's Workshop (held in Fellowship Hall) on December 7 from 2pm-

5pm. There, they will make and wrap gifts for family and participate in fun Christmas-themed activities. Snack will be provided.

Welcome to RYODBC ~ Read Your Own Darn Book Club RYODB is not your traditional book club. It works more like a book swap. Simply arrive with a few books (of any genre) that you really enjoyed or even LOVED! Say a few words about the books. Did it take you on a compelling journey, have quirky characters, wonderful dialogue, a unique view point, or just a great story. Be willing to part with the book(s) or at least send it on a lengthy journey! Once everyone is done sharing ~ the book swap begins! We hope you will join us for a fun evening.

RYODBC next meeting: **Thursday November 14th @ 7PM**
 Susan Swain’s home 15 Pasture Ln Bedford NH
 RSVP Susan at swaindack@comcast.net or 603-714-0516
 Beverages and Appetizers will be served

"Taking Care of Yourself during the Holiday Season"
A one-time offering by Nutritionist Kim Lovely in today
November 10th at 11 a.m. in Youth Activity Room.

A two-topic workshop designed to give you practical ways of improving your health by what you eat and show you innovative brain hacks which will help you manage appetite and food volume. Understand how you can use your own brain to meet your healthy weight goals. Part two is a revisit of a topic we did last year- nutrition strategies to help you stay well during the viral season and how to feel better if you do catch a virus.

We will sample foods that help meet nutrient needs, reduce food consumption and help the body both resist viral illness and heal from the affects of viral illness. This will be a fun workshop where you can feel free to ask questions when they arise and learn things you can put into practice right away that will positively impact your health.

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Volunteer to Serve Dinner at the Soup Kitchen
Friday, November 29 from 4:15-5:45 pm
199 Manchester St. in Manchester

You are invited to serve dinner at the New Horizons for New Hampshire Soup Kitchen. This is a great way to engage in fellowship and service while we help the community. We need 8-10 BPC volunteers to serve over 100 individuals and families. Please email Jodi Coulter at jmcoulter98@gmail.com to volunteer.