

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)

Elder of the Day – Becky Hubert

Deacon of the Day – Augustus Ansah

Thanks to our special summer musician, Jill Pennington today!

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 8/20 9:00 a.m. Worship

Sun. 8/27 9:00 a.m. Worship

Reminder: Coffee Hour is on vacation in August.

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!



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Caregivers Caring Cupboard

Bedford Presbyterian Church is providing the volunteer team for the August 17th delivery date. We need 10 drivers to meet our commitment. Can you help? Contact Charlene Isham at ecisham@comcast.net or 401-2052. Volunteers show up between 3:15 – 5 p.m. You will be delivering groceries to between 3-5 seniors. The delivery process typically takes about an hour. Please Note: CareGivers has moved to 1 Perimeter Road, Unit #900 in Manchester by the airport.



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have found your way through our big front doors! 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

Prelude

Welcome

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship

Elder Becky Hubert

God lifts us up from death to life.

God preserves us for God’s own purpose.

Jesus Christ is compassionate and the Holy Spirit guides us.

We gather in thanksgiving for all that God gives us.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God, together.

***Hymn #353**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Call to Confession

Elder Becky Hubert

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we call upon you to save us. We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in the face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and love...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, and restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ you sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! 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.*

***Apostles Creed (Unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

Children’s Message

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

First Scripture Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Take Heart”
(Courage...Only With Help)

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn #834 (seated)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Welcoming New Members

Call for the Offering

Deacon Augustus Ansah

Offertory

***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**

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The 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.

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn #463**

“How Firm a Foundation”

***Benediction**

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand

September is Almost Here! Mark Your Calendars for Fall In-Gathering!

On September 10, we will celebrate “In-Gathering Sunday,” marking the end of summer and the start of the program year. The morning worship service will move back to 10 AM that day and will be followed by a big “Welcome Back” brunch in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery and Sunday School will be starting as well. On Sunday, September 17, our 5 PM worship service will start up again along with our Youth programming. The 5 PM service and Youth Sunday Night Programs will take place (mostly) on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.