

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 – Courtney Tanner

Deacon of the Day – David Hunter

Flowers today are given by Lorraine Emerson in “loving memory of my father.”

February 17th is available for flowers. Please contact Charlene Isham at ecisham@comcast.net.

Looking for an Usher Coordinator. Please contact Elder Kathy Blake at kathyblake.kb@gmail.com if interested.

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 1/13	10:00 a.m. Worship
	11:00 a.m. Fellowship
Wed. 1/16	8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers
	7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 1/17	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Sun. 1/20	10:00 a.m. Worship
	11:00 a.m. Fellowship

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**Bedford Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 13, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING TOGETHER

Chimes

Gathering Music

“Beneath the Shadow of God’s Throne”

Robert Schumann

Welcome

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Introit

“The Heavens Are Telling”

Beethoven

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Courtney Tanner

A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:
I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.

By God’s breath and Spirit, we receive life.

God takes us by the hand and leads us.

In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.

Justice and peace prevail, by God’s strength.

Worship with joy and give glory to God’s name.

Listen for the new thing God declares.

We remember that we have been baptized.

May we live as those with whom God is pleased. Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn # 687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
vs. 2 Women; vs. 3 Choir; vs. 4 Men

Call to Confession

Elder Courtney Tanner

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keep others from seeing you. All-inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The prophets testify that all who believe in God's messenger receive forgiveness of sin through his name. We believe that Jesus is that beloved messenger, with whom God is well pleased.

Through this One on whom God's Spirit was poured out, like a descending dove, we know ourselves to be beloved by God, forgiven and freed from the bonds of sin. 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

Children's Message Co-Pastor John Sawyer

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.

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Anthem "Awake, Awake!" Courtney/Crosby

*1. Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore.
The great eternal Lord of all, Who reigns forevermore.
He paints the orient sky of morn, He gives the flow'r its hue.
And gently o'er its fragrant leaves He drops the pearly dew.
Refrain: Strangers, pilgrims here below, He will lead us while we go;
Where the cooling waters flow, His hand our steps will guide.*
*2. Awake, exalt His glorious name; And on this holy day,
Rejoicing in the house of prayer, Your grateful homage pay.
As o'er the earth the genial sun A radiant luster throws.
So in the bosom where he dwells the light of mercy glows.
Refrain*
*3. How sweet when human voices join to sing His pard'ning love,
While angels waft the joyful strain, To purer worlds above,
Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore. The great eternal Lord of all,
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Second Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon "Do You Remember?" Co-Pastor John Sawyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn # 177 "I Will Come To You"
During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward to touch the water and remember God's grace.

Call for the Offering Deacon David Hunter

Offertory "Meditation on St. Anne" arr. Helvey

***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)

We pray, O God, that our offerings delight you. We bring them to encourage all who work for justice, compassion, and peace on our behalf, that they may not grow faint or be crushed by opposition. May the oppressed find healing, the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts. Amen.

Prayers of the People

***The Peace**

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 # 543** "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

***Blessing** Co-Pastor John Sawyer

Postlude "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Croft

**All are invited to stand, in body and/or spirit.*



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Group Ticket Price: \$30.00 Purchase by January 13th !!! (regular price: \$46.00)

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