

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***The Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

***Hymn # 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***Benediction**

Drawn by God, the Creator, nourished by Christ, the Redeemer, and sealed by the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer, go now to imitate God's love: feeding the hungry, forgiving the hateful, and spreading God's grace in all times and places.

We go out into the world,

believing that we have been saved by grace,

belonging to God's family,

becoming faithful followers of Jesus,

and building up the kingdom of God with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Paul Manz

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

“O Bread of Life, You Called Your Friends”

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**Bedford Presbyterian Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 12, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church. Our doors are open wide and we are glad you are here! Guests, we invite you to take a welcome packet found in our narthex. Disciple Doodle Boards are available in the narthex for older children to use during the service. Thank you and welcome everyone!

GATHERING TOGETHER

Gathering Music

“Fugato in G Major”

Carl Stamitz

Sue Gobel, oboe and Bev Erickson, flute

Chimes

Welcome

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

Introit

“Rejoice, The Lord is King”

Wesley

Sarah Murai, soprano

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Co- Pastor Karen Hagy

Jesus Christ is the bread of life who satisfies the hunger of our souls.

Filled with God's steadfast love, let us live in love as Christ loved us.

God calls us to imitate Jesus and be filled with tenderhearted kindness.

God calls us to put away falsehood and speak the truth.

The one who believes has the gift of eternal life.

May we be filled with all the fullness of God.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn # 509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Call to Confession

Elder Linda Phelps

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children.

We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness, but have indulged in gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs that others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ has loved us...

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Linda Phelps

People of God, hope in the Lord! God, in Christ, has given us freedom from sin and death. Christ has given us the promise of abundant life. The Holy Spirit has given us life and breath to sing God's praise. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

*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.

*Statement of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

Elder Linda Phelps

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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Special Music

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Sarah Murai, soprano

Wesley

Second Scripture Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon

“Read the Recipe”
(Hungry to be Fed, Hungry to Feed)

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

“O Bread of Life, You Called Your Friends” (Tune: St. Flavius)

*O Bread of Life, you called your friends to eat and drink your life.
You gave a gift that never ends through your own sacrifice.*

*Some people said, “It’s much too hard to understand your Way.”
They said, “This teaching goes too far,” and so they went away.*

*Your friends asked, “How can we receive the life that comes from you?”
You told them, “Just believe in me and you will be made new.”*

*O Jesus, come abide in us; may we be Spirit-led
To turn to you in faith and trust, for you’re the living bread.*

Call for the Offering

Deacon David Hunter

Offertory

“Meditation”

Martin Staub

Sue Gobel, oboe and Bev Erickson, flute

Offering

*Doxology (Tune: Old Hundred)

*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 Thanksgiving and Dedication (Unison)

Deacon David Hunter

Generous and transforming God, thank you for the blessing of honest labor, through which you have provided these gifts for our hands to share with those in need. We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

Sung Response

Chip Andrus

*The bread of God came down from heaven,
Came down from heaven and gives life to the world.*

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.

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

Elder of the Day – Linda Phelps

Deacon of the Day –David Hunter

Flowers today are given “in loving memory of my wife and our mother, Cindy Loefstedt”, by husband Paul, and children, Matthew and Jennifer.

We wish to thank this morning’s guest musicians: Sarah Murai, a member of our BPC Choir, and Sue Gobel, a frequent soloist here at BPC. We are also thrilled to welcome Sue’s friend, Bev Erickson, who joins us on the flute.

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 8/12 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Book Club
Sun. 8/19 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 to our giving website. It’s fun, fast, easy, and makes a huge difference to our ministry!

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Summer Book Club by the Building Bridges Committee is back! Our book this year is, “**They Take Our Jobs! - And 20 Other Myths about Immigration,**” by Aviva Chomsky. If you are confused about the immigration debate, wonder why the definition of “illegal immigration,” seems to keep changing, or want learn more about the history of migration and immigration policy in the United States, then you will want to attend! We will meet today and 8/19 immediately following worship.

Fellowship Committee and Coffee Hour Changes

The Fellowship Committee will be introducing a small change to Coffee Hour this year. Starting September 9th on Ingathering Sunday we will meet for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall and serve **only** Coffee and Tea for adults and lemonade for our youth.

We will save serving baked goods and treats for special occasion Coffee Hours. ***It will be twice as sweet when we have a celebration.***

Fellowship is currently seeking members to host Coffee Hour this fall. The responsibilities just got a little easier to host ~ Just Coffee !

Signup sheet in Fellowship Hall, on MyBPC, in upcoming Bulletin inserts, or email Linda Phelps ~ linda.phelps@comcast.net. Current dates: September 16, September 23, and September 30.

If you have questions about **Fellowship Committee** or would like to come to a meeting please contact Linda Phelps by phone (471-1004) or email (above). We would love to have you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH
IN-GATHERING SUNDAY

At 10:00 a.m., join us for a service of dedication and thanks for our newly-refurbished sanctuary, foundation, and restrooms (yes, we’ll even give thanks to God for those!).

At 5:00 p.m., join us for a potluck supper, a kickoff for fall programming, and a special visit from the ice cream truck!