



# WELCOME to Bedford Presbyterian Church! Summer 2021

## September 5 – 10 AM

**We are glad that you are here!**

**If you're here for the first time, you are most welcome.**

**If you're here for the first time in a long time, you are most welcome.**

**If you're here because this place is your church home, you are most welcome.**

### **What we hope for you. . .**

That you will be blessed as you worship God with our church family.

That you will participate, fully, in the worship service – songs, readings, and prayers – standing and sitting.

That you will feel safe in our well-ventilated Sanctuary. That you will feel welcome here.

### **What we need from you. . .**

In the interest of public health and safety, and in keeping with our church's Covid-19 guidelines. . .

1. Please wear a *mask over your nose and mouth\** while you are inside the building.
2. Please try to maintain 6 feet of physical distance from one another while you are inside the building. We know. . . It's hard, especially if you haven't seen a good friend for a while.
3. Please stay in your pew for the entire service. We'll be Passing the Peace at a distance.
4. If you need to use the restroom, you are welcome to do so at any time.
5. If you choose to make an offering, please place it in the offering plates that are located near the doors to the sanctuary. Thank you!

\*Note: As we are filled with gratitude and relief for the progress that Covid-19 vaccinations have made in making our normal activities safer, the Session and Covid-19 Task Force of Bedford Presbyterian Church continue a steady and planned approach to safety protocols. We are guided by science and theological and pastoral consideration for *all* who participate in the life of the church. Recognizing the broad intergenerational nature of our congregation and current limitations of vaccine access – especially for children under 12 – we continue to follow the health and safety “best practice” guidelines set forth by our state *and recent guidance from the CDC regarding the Delta Variant* and ***WILL continue to mask for all our indoor gatherings.*** Your health and safety are our top priority.

Thank you for your understanding, your flexibility, and your love for God and neighbor!



# Bedford Presbyterian Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2021 at 10 AM

## GATHERING TOGETHER

Chimes

Gathering Music

BPC Handbell Quartet

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Alicia Wooldridge

Call to Worship (Responsive – from Psalm 8)

Elder Alicia Wooldridge

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

When we look at your heavens, and the work of your fingers, and the moon and stars that you have made,

**Who are we that you have made us? Who are we that you care for us?**

Come, let us worship the Lord, who made us and cares for us.

**Let us worship God, together.**

\*Hymn # 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon (Standing)

Elder Alicia Wooldridge

**O God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation – even other people – into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard.**

**We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Purify us of our sins, lead us into your truth, baptize us into union with you, feed us with the bread of life, and transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone. Amen.**

People of God, the Holy One, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that you are forgiven. . .

**. . . and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Sung Response (Hymn # 582)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*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. . . (repeat)*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

## ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Alicia Wooldridge

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Listen now for the Word of God. **Our ears are open. . .**

**Second Scripture Reading**                      Matthew 28:16-20                      The Reverend Dr. Blair Moffett  
... The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**    "Saying the Quiet Part Out Loud"    Dr. Moffett

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn # 526**    "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"    LINSTEAD

**Affirmation of Faith – from The Confession of 1967 (9.10)**    Deacon Katharine Daly  
**The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to Christ by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.**

**Call for the Offering**    Deacon Katharine Daly

**Offertory**    BPC Handbell Quartet

*At this time, you are invited to offer your tithes and offerings.  
Offering plates are placed at every exit in the sanctuary  
and you may leave your offering there on the way out, today,  
or you may also make an offering through our church's online giving website  
(<https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/giving/one-time-gifts-pledges/>),  
or by scanning this QR code and making a donation.*



*Your giving has a direct impact on the ministry and mission  
of Bedford Presbyterian Church! Thank you!*

**\*Song of Response (Hymn # 609)**    LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

**\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**    Deacon Katharine Daly  
**For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**    The Reverend Dr. Blair Moffett

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks and praise.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion of the People**

*If you are in the sanctuary: you are invited to use a "Friendship Cup"  
by peeling the (thin) top piece of plastic for the "bread"  
and then the (thicker) bottom piece of plastic for the "cup" when instructed to do so.*

*If you are joining the service remotely: you are invited to use bread  
along with any beverage (preferably grape-based) to participate in the Lord's Supper.  
As Presbyterians, we believe that the Holy Spirit connects us to one another  
and to the Table at God's heavenly feast no matter where we are.*

### **Prayers After Communion and The Lord's Prayer**

Dr. Moffett

**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 # 298**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**\*Charge and Benediction and Peace**

Dr. Moffett

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And with you.**

**Postlude** (Seated)



### **Liturgists and Leaders in today's worship service –**

The Reverend Dr. Blair Moffett, Guest Preacher  
Barbara Flocco, Music Director  
Elder Alicia Wooldridge, Liturgist  
Deacon Katharine Daly, Liturgist  
BPC Handbell Quartet, Special Music  
Marc Murai and Elder Mike Chen, Technical and Livestream Assistance

Liturgy adapted by The Reverend John Sawyer from *Feasting on the Word* and *The Wee Worship Book*.

**Information on ways to access audio and video versions of today's service can be found at [www.bedfordpresbyterian.org](http://www.bedfordpresbyterian.org).**

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

- 1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

- 1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

## 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;  
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*


*Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.* ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

## 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-  
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-  
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly  
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-verse trea-sure all that  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your  
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-  
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-  
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy  
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's  
 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef. The music is a simple harmonic accompaniment for the lyrics, using chords and moving lines in both hands.

gifts em-power us for the work of min - is - try.

The second system of the musical score continues the accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The system concludes with a double bar line.