

Meditation “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord” Evans, arr. Shephard
Prayers after Communion Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

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 # 506** “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”
v. 1, Choir – vv. 2-4, All

***Charge and Benediction** Co-Pastors Karen Hagy and John Sawyer

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the light of God’s love.

Thanks be to God.

May the love of Christ that shines in you shine brightly in the world wherever you go. And the blessings of God, Divine Giver, Radiant Light, and Fountain of Life, bless you and keep you always.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude “We Three Kings of Orient Are” arr. Raney

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



Bedford Presbyterian Church
Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Gathering Music “The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away” J. S. Bach

Chimes

Welcome Co-Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive) Elder Alicia Wooldridge

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God’s praise among the nations.

Let us worship the Lord!

Let us worship God, together!

***Hymn # 127** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
(Jesus, the Light of the World)

Call to Confession Elder Alicia Wooldridge

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and reprisal. Forgive our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things, through Jesus Christ...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

This is good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. In Jesus Christ we 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.*

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

Children’s Message Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

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.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Anthem “The Quiet Heart” Collin
(Salvation Army Hymn arr. Philip Lawson, King Singers)
*‘Twas in the stillness of the night that Jesus came,
No blare of trumpets heralded his birth
Nor broke the wonted silence of the earth;
No clang of bells nor blatant hue and cry disturbed the calm beneath the Bethlehem sky.
When Jesus came, ‘twas night,
and the world was still.
‘Tis to the quiet heart he loves to come:
Not often midst the tumult of the day,
When we can find small time to think and pray,
Or when, confused by agitating care, we find no secret place for him to share.
We must be still if we his voice would hear,
‘Tis to the quiet heart he loves to come.*

- James Morgan

Sermon “God’s Big Plan” Co-Pastor John Sawyer
(The Church, For the Good of the World)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn # 698 “Take, O Take Me As I Am” (Seated)

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Sung Response (Repeated)
*Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Call for the Offering Deacon Barb Sofield

Offertory “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” arr. Hayes

***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)
Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, they knelt down and offered precious gifts. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

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.

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and mist.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup
Sharing the Bread and Cup
The Elders and Deacons will be serving bread and juice by intinction today. You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your seat. Gluten-free bread is available from the server wearing the “GF” tag. If you are not able to come forward, we will be glad to serve you in your seat

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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 – Alicia Wooldridge

Deacon of the Day – Barb Sofield

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

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 1/6	10:00 a.m. Worship
	11:00 a.m. Fellowship
Wed. 1/9	8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers
	7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 1/10	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Sun. 1/13	10:00 a.m. Worship
	11:00 a.m. Fellowship

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