

**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Barbara Flocco, *Music Director*

Michelle Jones, *Administrative Assistant*

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:** Maddy Costello

**Flowers today are given by** “to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for our 10th wedding anniversary, and in gratitude for our mothers, Ellen Marie Wolfe and Mary Louise Sawyer” by Co-Pastor John and Amy Sawyer.

**BPC CALENDAR**

Sun. 5/12	10:00 a.m. Worship
	11:00 a.m. Fellowship
Wed. 5/15	8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers
	7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. 5/16	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Sun. 5/19	10:00 a.m. Worship/Congregational Meeting
	11:00 a.m. Fellowship
	11:00 a.m. Transition Team Meeting

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**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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**NOTICE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 19 DURING THE 10 A.M. SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING, ORDAINING, AND INSTALLING TWO DEACONS.**



# Bedford Presbyterian Church

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 12, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Chiming the Hour**

**Gathering Music**

“Let the Little Children Come Unto Me”  
Cassie Murai, Primo; Sarah Murai, Secondo

Diabelli

**Welcome**

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

**Introit**

“A Mother’s Prayer”  
Dora Chen, Primo; Melinda Chen, Secondo

Diabelli

**Call to Worship** (Responsive – from Revelation 7)

Elder Maddy Costello

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.

**Amen!**

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever.

**Amen!**

God is our shepherd and will guide us to the springs of the water of life.

**God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

Let us praise the Lord!

**Let us praise God together!**

**\*Hymn # 247**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

**Call to Confession**

Elder Maddy Costello

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation. We repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace...**

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

God’s mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses. Therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! 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

**Anthem** “Down in the River to Pray” Trad. Arr. Jace Wittig  
Ladies, Girls, and Children’s Ensemble

**First Scripture Reading** Psalm 23  
**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff — they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long**

**Second Scripture Reading** Acts 9:36-43  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Homily** “For All the Faithful Women” Co-Pastor John Sawyer

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn # 324** “For All the Faithful Women”  
**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

**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.**

**Leaving A Lasting Legacy** Elder Laurie Storey-Manseau

**Call for Offering**

**Offertory** “A Time to Give Thanks” Anderson  
Hilltop Ringers

**\*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** The Co-Pastors

**Giving Thanks for a Legacy**

**GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Hymn # 802** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
vv. 1-3, 6  
*At the end of the hymn, all are welcome  
to go outside for a special service of dedication.*

**\*Flag Pole Dedication in Memory of Fred and Jennie Wiggin (Outside)**

**\*Charge and Benediction (Outside)** Co-Pastor John Sawyer

\*Those who are able are invited to stand

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UPDATES

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On June 9th, during our worship, we will thank our Church School Teachers.

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### DEACONS FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Harold G. Williams Jr. Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarship funds to members of our congregation who are presently, or will be in the fall, full time students enrolled in a college, trade school, or graduate program. Special consideration may be given to a student in seminary or a student involved in mission work.

**Two recipients will be awarded \$500 each on Graduation Sunday, June 9th, 2019 during the 9 a.m. service. Recipients will be notified by Friday, June 7th.**

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