

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Elder of the Day – Madeline Costello

Deacon of the Day – Kathryn Sampson

Flowers today are given in honor of all our Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, and Troop Leaders.

We appreciate the participation of Boy Scout Troop 414 and Cub Scout Pack 114 in worship today. The boys and their families invite the congregation to join them in Fellowship Hall following the 10 a.m. worship service for brunch. It is their way of saying thanks for BPC’s ongoing sponsorship.

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 2/11	10:00 a.m. “Scout Sunday” Worship, Church School Classes, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Boy Scout Breakfast, Fellowship
Wed. 2/14	8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers 1:30 p.m. Birch Hill Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs. 2/15	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Fri. 2/16	6:00 p.m. High School Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Meet Group Game Night
Sun. 2/18	10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School Classes, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group and Confirmation Class

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 directly to our giving website. It’s fun, fast, easy, and makes a huge difference to our ministry! Thank you!

BPC is now a beneficiary of Amazon Smile! [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) Smile will donate 0.5% of each purchase when BPC is selected as the charitable organization. So for every \$100 of purchases 50 cents is received. You can access [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and benefit BPC using this QR Code:



Per Capita is the way in which all PCUSA church members contribute to the denomination’s mission. This year’s per capita is \$47 per member!



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Transfiguration of the Lord/Scout Sunday

February 11, 2018 – 10:00 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

Chimes

Presentation of the Colors and Pledge

Introit “Be Still For the Presence of the Lord” Evans arr. Shephard

Welcome Co-Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive) Scout Andrew Averill

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks: “This is my beloved Son – listen to him!”

Come, let us listen as we worship the One who speaks to us.

Let us worship God, together!

***Hymn #189** “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Call to Confession Elder Maddy Costello

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you – to hide our faces, to hide our sin – yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you – in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops – yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (responsive) Elder Maddy Costello

Our God comes and does not keep silent. God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: “You are my beloved child.” This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*A Brief Statement of Faith (Unison)

Elder Maddy Costello

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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.

First Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Scout James Trent

Anthem (see insert)

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Tadman-Robins

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Scout Alex Fortin

Sermon

"Thin Place Transformation"
(Listening Helps us "See")

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"Transform Us As You, Transfigured"

Tune: PICARDY

*Transform us as you, transfigured, Stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains, Search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen, Full of questions, filled with fright.*

*Transform us as you, transfigured, Once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.*

*Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation. Time and truth we quickly bind,
Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.*

Call for the Offering

Deacon Kathryn Sampson

Offertory

Offering

"Transform Us As You Transfigure"

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)

Deacon Kathryn Sampson

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we dedicate these gifts, let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Scout Law Litany (see insert)

Scouts Sam Trent and Pranev Raju

Prayers of the People

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

*The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #192

"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"

*Benediction

Co-Pastors John Sawyer and Karen Hagy

Now go and tell the good news:

The Lord of life and light is with us.

The very face of God shines upon you with beauty, blessing, and peace.

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Kendrick

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

MEET Group - Members Enjoying and Evening Together
Join us for Trivial Pursuit Game Night!

Friday, February 16th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dave and Becki Kuhn's, 92 Pulpit Road, Bedford.

Sign up on the bulletin board or use the link below to bring an appetizer, wine, beer, or non-alcoholic beverage.

RSVP: LindaPhelps@comcast.net or 471-1004 or <http://bit.ly/BPCMeet>

Interested in Exploring Membership at BPC?

Join us for good conversation and lunch where you can learn about all things Presbyterian and BPC!

Sunday, March 11th at 11:00AM - Downstairs in the Youth Activity Room

Together, we will get to know each other better and we learn about our faith, church membership, ways to get involved at BPC, what BPC's identity, values, and ministry goals are, how to join the church and the importance of stewardship in our lives. If you wanted to know more about what it means to be Presbyterian, this is the class for you!

Please RSVP to Membership Elder Manny Barreto by emailing him at mannyb@mbarreto.net. If you need childcare, please include that information as well! We hope you will join us!

*A good resource to check out before the class is our denomination's website www.pcusa.org

Mission Opportunities

Helping Hands - Please consider volunteering with Helping Hands on the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. On each of these Saturdays we will be working on projects at the Dismas House in Manchester. Contact George Reese at 714-4317 or at georeese@msn.com.

The 1269 Cafe food delivery team is looking for one additional helper to form a two-person crew who is willing to pick up excess food from the Jenkins Road Hannaford store in Bedford and transport it to 1269 Cafe in Manchester. 1269 Cafe provides food and spiritual support for Manchester's poor and homeless. Each crew makes deliveries once every 5 weeks on Saturday mornings. For more information, please contact Sue Gobel at s.gobel@comcast.net or 471-0248.

Lyrics for the Choral Anthem
"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Come down, O Love divine.
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near.
Within my heart appear
And kindle it thy holy flame bestowing.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing.
True lowliness of heart which takes the humbler part,
And o'er it's own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

O let it freely burn,
Til earthly passions turn to dust
And ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever in my sight
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong
With which the soul will long
Shall long outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess the grace,
Til he becomes the place
Where the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.
Come down, O Love divine.

Bianco Da Siena (d.1434)

Join us Wednesday, February 14th for our ***Ash Wednesday*** service at 7:00 p.m. which will include the imposition of ashes. We hope you will join us in marking the beginning of Lent.

Litany (The Scout Law)
(Based on the Scout Law and the Scriptures)

Leader: Put away falsehood; let everyone speak the truth with his or her neighbor. (Exodus 20:16)

Scouts: *A Scout is Trustworthy*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE TRUSTWORTHY.

Leader: One who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and one who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Scouts: *A Scout is Loyal*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE LOYAL.

Leader: You shall open wide your hand to your brother and to your sister, to the needy and to the poor in the land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)

Scouts: *A Scout is Helpful*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE HELPFUL

Leader: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when people dwell in unity. (Psalm 133)

Scouts: *A Scout is Friendly.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE FRIENDLY.

Leader: Let no evil talk come out of your mouth, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

Scouts: *A Scout is Courteous.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE COURTEOUS.

Leader: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Scouts: *A Scout is Kind.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE KIND.

Leader: Children, Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, this is the first commandment with a promise; that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Scouts: *A Scout is Obedient.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE OBEDIENT.

Leader: A glad heart makes a cheerful face but a sad heart breaks the spirit. (Proverbs 15:13)

Scouts: *A Scout is Cheerful.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE CHEERFUL.

Leader: Go to the ant, consider her ways and be wise. Without having any officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in the harvest. (Proverbs 6:8)

Scouts: *A Scout is Thrifty.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE THRIFTY.

Leader: Be Strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Scouts: *A Scout is Brave.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE BRAVE.

Leader: Let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Scouts: *A Scout is Clean.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE CLEAN.

Leader: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30)

Scouts: *A Scout is Reverent.*

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO BE REVERENT.