

**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*During worship, please refrain from taking flash photos and silence your cell phones.*

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

**Elder of the Day** – Courtney Tanner

**Deacon of the Day** – Jim Blake

**Thank you to all of our choirs, vocal and ringing as well as our wonderful instrumentalists. Heads up, gentlemen – your day is coming!**

**Flowers today are given by** Pastor John and Amy Sawyer, to the glory of God, with gratitude for our Mothers, Ellen Marie Wolfe and May Louise Sawyer.

**BPC CALENDAR**

Sun. 5/14 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

9:15 a.m. Chimers

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Weds. 5/17 8:30 a.m. Handbells

6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper and Discussion on the Old Testament – *From King*

*Solomon to Preclassical Prophecy*

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thurs. 5/18 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Sat. 5/20 9:00 a.m.- Noon Outside Work Day

Sun. 5/21 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship with our Missionaries

**On Sunday, May 21, 2017 (10AM Service)** Come and meet our New Mission Partners, the Dawsons. Barry and Shelly will help lead worship, offer a moment for mission and share the story of hope revealed in Jesus Christ in Southeast Asia though during coffee hour. This is our chance to welcome our new missionaries, to get to know them, them to get to know us and to learn about the work Presbyterians are doing in countries like Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Join us for a wonderful morning of mission!

**Dinner With the Dawsons** -You’re invited to join Barry & Shelly Dawson for a casual dinner at Marcia Morgan’s home on Saturday, May 20 to learn more about their missionary work based in Southeast Asia. Please RSVP to Karen Hagy at [khagy@bedfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:khagy@bedfordpresbyterian.org). Details will be provided upon RSVP. Seating is limited to 16 people.



# Bedford Presbyterian Church

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

### May 14, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have found your way through our big front doors! You are invited to join us for coffee hour at the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. service in our Fellowship Hall. Guests, we invite you to take a welcome packet found in our narthex. Worship folders are available in the narthex for older children to use during the service. Thank you and welcome everyone!

### GATHERING TOGETHER

**Chimes**

**Prelude**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

arr. McMichael

Christine Stuart, violin; Mary Kate Kilgus, cello

**Welcome**

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

**Call to Worship** (From Psalm 31)

Elder Courtney Tanner

We run to you, God; we run for dear life. Don’t let us down!

**Get down on our level and listen to us.**

What a stack of blessing you have piled up for those who worship you.

**Ready and waiting for all who run to you.**

Friends, be brave. Be strong. Don’t give up.

**God is on the way.**

Let us worship God.

**Let us worship God, together.**

**\*Hymn #14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Red Hymnal

vs. 4 Women

**Call to Confession**

Elder Courtney Tanner

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments. Forgive us our sins and lead us to turn toward you in our hearts and with our lives. Help us to grow, to know, and show the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ...**

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon** (Responsive)

Elder Courtney Tanner

Sisters and brothers, do not let your hearts be troubled. We are God’s people and have received mercy. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Sung Response** Red Hymnal #243  
*Be not afraid – sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*  
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**\*Apostles Creed (Unison)**  
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 Karen Hagy

**Anthem** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” arr. Courtney  
Combined Youth and Women’s Choirs

**Scripture Reading** John 14:1-14 NT pg. 108  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “It’s All Part of the Pilgrimage” Co-Pastor John Sawyer  
(How Can We Know the Way?)

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Hymn #311** “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” Red Hymnal

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory** “The Peace that Passeth Understanding” arr. McChesney  
Combined Soli Deo Gloria Chimes and Hilltop Ringers; Sue Gobel, oboe

**\*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 Dedication**  
Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (“debts”)** 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.

**GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Hymn #624** “I Greet Thee, Whom My Sure Redeemer Art” Red Hymnal

**\*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)** Co-Pastors John Sawyer and Karen Hagy  
Go forth to serve in the name of our risen Lord. May Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ’s name. May God, who raised Christ from the dead, keep you forevermore.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**Postlude** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Raney

\*Those who are able are invited to stand

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



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**PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 28 AT 9:00 A.M.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**2017 Vacation Church School for All Ages**  
**Sunday, June 25-Wednesday, June 28 starts at 5:30-8PM**  
**“God Call Us to Mission Around the World in Four Days”**

Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to join us for four fun faith-filled evenings as we explore the wonderful world of mission! Adults and youth (6th grade on up) have the opportunity to experience conversations in multiculturalism from 4 different perspectives, with 4 different outside speakers featured each evening.

Children (4 years old through 5th graders) will learn through story, song, music, games, and crafts what it means to bear witness to God’s love for the world through the mission of the greater church and BPC.

Evenings start with dinners at 5:30 and we will finish by 8PM every night. We also have group mission projects that we be working on that will benefit a local and global mission endeavor.

The website will soon feature a registration VCS form so please be watching for it! You can also RSVP with Michelle at the church office. We suggest a contribution of \$15 person for the week or \$45 for a family. Wednesday evening, we will conclude with a fun celebration event too! Please call the pastors with any questions 472-5841 or email the 2017 directors Cheryl Barlow at [cherylbarlow@me.com](mailto:cherylbarlow@me.com) or Eliza Michalski at [eliza.michalski@gmail.com](mailto:eliza.michalski@gmail.com).

Hope to see everybody at VCS on opening night, June 25th!

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**Darkness to Light Training at Bedford Presbyterian Church**

**A child abuse prevention workshop that promotes the safety of our children and youth in churches**

**Tuesday 6/27 from 5:30-8:00PM**

**4 Church Road, Bedford, New Hampshire**

**[www.bedfordpresbyterian.org](http://www.bedfordpresbyterian.org)**

The Children’s Ministry Committee of Bedford Presbyterian Church invites you to join us in an engaging and thought provoking group session that emphasizes important issues in child abuse prevention within the community of faith that partners with children and youth.

You will receive dinner and a workbook that reinforces key prevention concepts and serves as a resource and personal action plan for preventing abuse. A fee of \$10.00 is suggested and covers the cost of the workbook and meal. Please let us know you are coming by emailing Co-Pastor Karen Hagy at [khagy@bedfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:khagy@bedfordpresbyterian.org) or calling 603-472-5841 to RSVP. We hope you will join us in being good stewards of the children of God.

**Potluck and Old Testament Discussion**

Concludes, Wednesday, May 17 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. Join us as we enjoy a potluck dinner and discussion on “Going Deeper in the Old Testament” Topic: From King Solomon to Preclassical Prophecy.

**Hold the Date! June 4th: A Sunday Night Concert, An Evening to Benefit Mission at BPC!**

Come for a special evening of delicious food and wonderful Celtic music. Hear our own Joe Deleault and friends play to benefit mission here at BPC. Hear the stories of our mission team that just returned from a week in West Virginia rebuilding homes. Come and see how you make a difference in people’s lives by supporting mission at BPC! Watch the Crier, bulletin and our website for more details to come.

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**Summer Book Club**  
***Waking Up White* by Debby Irving**

The Co-Moderators of the Presbyterian Church(USA) are encouraging the entire denomination to read and discuss this book – a book about race in America and our place in it.

*Waking Up White* is a memoir by Debby Irving, a native New Englander, who shares her struggles with and realizations about race.

The Summer Book Club is being sponsored by BPC’s new “Building Bridges Team,” who invites you to read the book and join the discussion Sunday, June 25, July 30 and August 27 after the 9 AM worship service.

Sign up or contact the church office ([mjones@bedfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:mjones@bedfordpresbyterian.org)) if you would like a copy of the book and more information. The Book Club starts on June 4. Be part of the conversation!

**Harold G. Williams Jr. Scholarship Fund**

For students planning on continuing their education after high school, finding the funds to make that dream possible is a daunting, wearying and – ultimately – necessary gauntlet that almost all will have to run. A lot of students will apply for a wide variety of scholarships in the hopes of defraying some of the cost of this investment in their future.

Happily, the Bedford Presbyterian Church has for many years been awarding money from the Harold G. Williams Scholarship Fund to one or more applicants planning on continuing their education at a college, trade school or graduate degree program in the fall of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. Overseen by the Deacons, this year two applicants will be awarded scholarships, in the amount of \$500.

The application can be found on the church website at [www.BedfordPresbyterian.Org](http://www.BedfordPresbyterian.Org). Completed applications must be returned to Mike Eno by May 28<sup>th</sup> at [mikeeno@gmail.com](mailto:mikeeno@gmail.com) or mailed to Bedford Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford NH, no later than May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Time is short so please take note of the dates above. Scholarship winners will be notified by June 9<sup>th</sup>, and the scholarship awarded at Graduation Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Godspeed!