

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Harold G. Williams, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*

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

Elder of the Day – Linda Phelps

Deacon of the Day – Augustus Ansah

Flowers today are given by the Conery Family “in loving memory of Jacqueline, Edwin, and Brett Faucher.”

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 6/10 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship
Sun. 6/17 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

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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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.



**Bedford Presbyterian Church
Music and Graduation Sunday
June 10, 2018 – 9:00 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

Gathering Music

Welcome

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

Introit

“We Will Praise You”

Mozart

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Blessed are those who trust in God,
Who delight to meditate on God’s law.

**We long to hear the Word of God,
And let the Word shape our lives!**

Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,
Who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**We intend to give our best to our Creator,
Bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,
Who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

**We come now to worship and find new life,
To receive healing and empowerment for our journey!**

***Hymn #475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Call to Confession

Elder Linda Phelps

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of great joy and blessing, you offer us the gift of happiness, yet we continue to pursue what we think will make us happy. You give us a world of companionship, yet we ignore our neighbors and fail to love even our families as we ought. You bless us with the beauty of creation, yet we threaten the planet entrusted to our care. You offer us abundant life, yet we chase after too many material goods. You promise us comfort in sadness and

healing in sickness, yet we pretend that our lives are just fine. You have told us not to be afraid, that you walk with us, even through the darkest valleys, yet we live according to the shadows of our fears. Merciful God, forgive us for following false pleasure. Like a tree, planted by a running stream, plant us in your soil and nourish us in what is true, that we might be rooted in the goodness of all you offer.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Even when we refuse God's gifts, divine hands remain outstretched.

Even when we fail to recognize God's desires for us, God continues to offer us possibilities for divine joy.

Friends, hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we receive the gifts of forgiveness, wholeness and reconciliation, so that our joy may be made complete.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven!

*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 John Sawyer

Anthem

Psalm 1

Hayes

Paul Loefstedt, oboe; Christine Stuart, violin; Mary Kate Kilgus, cello

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

Homily

“Blessed are Those...”

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn #457

“How Happy Are the Saints of God”

Honoring our Graduates, Awarding the Harold G. Williams Deacons Scholarship and Thanking our Youth Ministry Leaders

Call for the Offering

Deacon Augustus Ansah

Offertory

“Blessed Are Ye”

arr. McChesney

Hilltop Ringers; Paul Loefstedt, oboe; Jack Daly, tenor drum

Offering

*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)

Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love. You have touched our lives in ways that make us rich. Now use what we have shared to provide fulfillment, among our neighbors, near and far. Enlist our best efforts in the extension of your realm, that our offering of ourselves may bear fruit daily. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (“Debts”) Co-Pastor John Sawyer

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

*The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

*Hymn #370

“This is My Father's World”

Choir vs. 1 & 2, Congregation join on last verse (#2 in Hymnal)

*Commission and Blessing

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

Go forth into a parched and needy world to share the water of life with others.

We go out with renewed faith and hope in Christ, for resurrection is a living possibility for us.

Turn to God each day to delight in the Word and meditate on God's law.

We will trust God to provide all we really need.

We seek to bear fruit in all we say and do.

Be assured that the realm of God is ours.

God knows us, loves us, and blesses us in Christ.

We shall rise with Christ to new life.

Happy are we who delight in the law of the Lord!

Amen. Amen.

Postlude

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