

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 – Manny Barreto

Deacon of the Day – Charlene Isham

Flowers today are given by Lorraine Emerson, “in loving memory of my father, Fred Emerson”.

Presented for Baptism today are Katherine Dorothy Fultz, daughter of Robert and Dongmei Fultz; and Blake Sherwood Stone, son of Aaron and Sarah Stone.

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 1/14	10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School Classes, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
Thurs. 1/18	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Sun. 1/21	Annual Report Deadline 10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School Classes, Nursery 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 1-3 p.m. CERT Training 5:00 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

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**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST**



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 14, 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

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hayes

Welcome

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Manny Barreto

The One who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear that call and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us worship God, together!

***Hymn #722**

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

vs. 2 Women, vs. 3 Choir, vs. 4 Men

Call to Confession

Elder Manny Barreto

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see into our hearts and souls and know us fully as children in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word or followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus’ name...

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (responsive) Elder Manny Barreto
God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! 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.*

***Apostles Creed** (Unison)

Elder Manny Barreto

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

The Sacrament of Baptism Co-Pastor John Sawyer
Katherine Dorothy Fultz and Blake Sherwood Stone

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.

Sung Response

*If anybody asks you who you are, who you are, who you are,
If anybody asks you who you are, tell them you're a child of God.*

First Scripture Reading John 1:43-51 Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

Anthem "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" Buckwalter

Second Scripture Reading I Samuel 3:1-10 Co-Pastor John Sawyer
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "We've Never Been More Available" Co-Pastor John Sawyer
(God *is* Always Calling You)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn #69** "I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"

Call for the Offering Deacon Charlene Isham

Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" Forrest

***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 Charlene Isham

Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people that we offer. Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to let go of the things that do not, in the end, belong to us. Amen.

Prayers of the People Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #450** "Be Thou My Vision"

***Charge and Benediction**

The Co-Pastors

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

We go out to share this good news! Thanks be to God!

The peace of the Father of joy, the peace of the Christ of hope, the peace of the Spirit of grace be with you, now and always.

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" Manz

*Those who are able are invited to stand

Until Help Arrives

The Bedford Presbyterian Church, with help from the Bedford Fire Department, Bedford Police Department, and the Bedford Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) are proud to present the *Until Help Arrives* program. The program will be presented at the Church on January 21st from 1:00-3:00 pm.

This program, developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was developed to educate the public on how to save lives, provide care and take action until professional help arrives in the event of an emergency. The program discusses and reviews the five critical steps:

Call 9-1-1

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- Protect the injured from harm
- Stop bleeding
- Position people so they can breathe
- Provide comfort

The program will be delivered by an Emergency Medical Technician from the Bedford Fire Department who will present, based on real-world experience, how to safely take the steps that have the capability to save lives. Life threatening emergencies can happen anywhere - on the road, in the neighborhood, at home, and even in church. Studies show that proper action, executed quickly, can have significant positive effects. **An officer from the Bedford Police will also present on the topic of how to how to respond to crisis situations.**

In a widespread disaster situation, we can't always depend on first responders to quickly come to our aid. In many cases, YOU are the help, until help arrives.

You can sign up for the program by sending an email to info@bedfordnhcert.org. When you sign up please include your name(s), email, and phone number.

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

Registration for our February 2-3 Winter Youth Retreat and optional Ski Day for 6th - 12th graders is due this weekend! If you're planning to go, please e-mail Courtney Tanner at courtneygraytanner@gmail.com. Let her know if you are planning to go on the overnight as well as whether you're planning on skiing or not. Need more details? Talk to Co-Pastor John Sawyer after the worship service today.

SAVE THE DATE!
ALL-CHURCH PROGRESSIVE DINNER
Saturday, January 27, 2018

Sign-ups to attend the dinner will begin later in January.

Currently, Nancy Wickwire is on the hunt for HOST HOMES. Won't you consider hosting? It's easy and fun and a super way to get to know your fellow BPC folk in a relaxed setting.

Nancy is best reached by email anwick@comcast.net, or you can call the house 472-8993.

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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR:
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation,
Sunday, February 4, following the 10 a.m. Worship service.