

Bedford Presbyterian Church

105 West Main Street, Bedford, Virginia

From 1844 to 2020 (176 Years)



Week of October 4th

We will continue sending out this combination of the newsletter and bulletin to keep you up to date on announcements, prayers, needs and scheduled activities for those that are uncomfortable to attend service.

Included will be the usual newsletter information along with prayers, scripture and a sermon.

We hope that you can utilize this format to keep up to date while being away from actual services, meetings, activities and watching the online sermon.

Please be in prayer for the end of the coronavirus and healing for those affected by it.



Bedford Presbyterian Church
serving Christ since 1844

A Biblically Guided Christian Community,

Loving God, Loving Others,

Serving the World & Growing Disciples

The Approach to God

One: The peace of Christ be with you

All: And Also with you

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Bill Rutledge

Words of Welcome and Announcements.

- A reminder that Communion will be on October 11th
- All announcements are printed at the back of this bulletin.

Call to Worship:

One: We are individuals and we are a community, called of God.

All: We gather to worship at God’s bidding.

One: We are individuals and we are a community, called of God.

All: We gather to listen for God’s fresh speaking of the Word.

One: We are individuals and we are a community, called of God.

All: We gather in preparation of being sent to do God’s bidding.

Introit

“We Gather Together”

Praise Team

Prayer of Confession:

God, the courage of the early disciples challenges us. They spoke prophetically and acted compassionately at great personal risk. The gospel was proclaimed, hurting people were helped and the Christian community was strengthened. Yet our loyalties these days are at best timid. We hide our light and muffle our message out of fear of offending. Lord forgive us for our refusal to publicly own our faith.

(offer silent prayer)

God, grant us clarity about to whom our ultimate loyalty belongs; generosity in our sharing, fidelity in living out our identity as Your children, integrity in speech and action. May our worship and service provide credible evidence of the power of the risen Christ that brings new life to individuals and to communities. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (1 John 3: 23-24)

This is God’s commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Through Jesus Christ we have been born again to new life.

Gloria

“Glory Be to the Father”

Proclaiming the Word of God

Scripture

Psalm 27: 1-6

Sermon:

A Comforting Message in Fearful Times
Taken from a message by Dr. Charles Stanley

Rev. Bill Rutledge

INTRODUCTION

In times of fear and uncertainty, the best thing we can do is strengthen our faith with the reminder that God is with us.

This is especially crucial for the times in which we are living. There is so much turmoil, anxiety, and pain. But the circumstances in our nation and world do not control our lives or determine our futures—God does. And the Lord is the One who fights for us. We focus on the promises of God to endure the trials before us but also overwhelmingly conquer through them.

Here are passages of Scripture we can cling to for comfort and encouragement in even the most perplexing and distressing times. As believers in Christ, we have both the right and the authority to claim them. They are our birthright, our treasure, and our spiritual armor.

Therefore, I encourage you to read these verses daily. They will become a shield to your thinking, emotions, and faith. You will find yourself becoming stronger, bolder, and more courageous in your life and daily walk with the Lord as you meditate on them and see how profoundly true they really are.

VERSES TO REMEMBER

Philippians 4:6–7: NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 16:7-8 NIV

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 4:8: NIV

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for You alone, Lord, make me to dwell in safety.

Psalm 27:1: NASB

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.

Psalm 139:23–24: NIV

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 138:3, 7–8: NIV

On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul . . . Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me. The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O Lord, is everlasting.

Philippians 4:19: NIV

My God will supply all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 41:10: NIV

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

John 3:16: NKJV

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 1:9: NIV

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 121:1-8 NIV

I lift up my eyes to the mountains---where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip---he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you---the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm---he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Isaiah 54:17: NASB

“No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me,” declares the Lord.

Psalms 32:7: NASB

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalms 94:19: NASB

When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.

Psalms 23:4: NASB

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 139:3: NASB

You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

Deuteronomy 31:8: NASB

The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Proverbs 3:5-6: NASB

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

RESPONSE

The more God's Word is in your mind and planted in your heart, the stronger and more unshakable you're going to be. So when you hear bad news or are tempted to be afraid, read His promises. Trust them, and express your faith by thanking the Lord for His love, His guidance, His provision, and His protection.

Response to the Word of God

Solo "Lord of the Troubled Sea" Bill Rutledge
Worship Song "Still" Praise Team

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. On the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The needs of this world still come to Your door, O God. Receive these offerings we bring. Use them in touching lives in significant ways, ways that bring strength, ways that renew hope, ways that lift up and reach out with love that You would still make incarnate. May we be the body of Christ today and may these gifts above all else, exercise Christ's ministry. Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Now let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us*

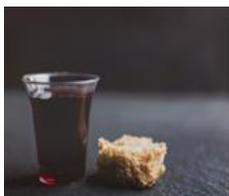
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending Forth

Benediction (Eph. 3: 20)

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" Bill Rutledge



*Communion will be held on Sunday, October 11th
Please have your juice and bread ready!*

Joys- October 4th

Dot- Joy that granddaughter is doing well, joy Dot received grant for her medication

Smith- Joy Kathi McCarl has recovered and John's mother now in Lynchburg

Van Dyke- Joy the Toney's have moved into their new home

Concerns- October 4th

Barnes: Kim Hedrick- (friend) health issues

Eunice- sciatica

Sonya Forte- (daughter) broken wrist

Benton: Linda Crawford- (friend) cancer, good test results

Blair: Katy Neel- (LHS student) lymphoma- chemo

Glen Murgacz- (friend) terminal brain cancer

Rhonda Witt- (neighbor) hospitalized with blood infection, home now

Boone: Jim Hedrick - (friend) recovering from partial lung removal

Roy Graeber- (Sammy's cousin)- recovering from intestinal surgery

Judy Jockets- (sister's friend) lung cancer

Jim Cutler- (LHS teacher) stage 4 lung cancer

Chryssikos: Linda Arendt- (neighbor) disabled

Compter: friends exposed to Covid

Elizabeth- (friend) nearing end of life, not a believer

Bob- (friend) Parkinson's

Michael Compter-(brother) heart failure

Cram: Winslow's-(friends of Sally) family & medical problems

Janice Campbell-(friend) under hospice care

Ryan- (grandson) searching for his faith

Diddams: Lois- problems with medications

Paul (brother)- loss of wife, not doing well

Dills: Katy Neel- lymphoma- chemo

Fleming: family dealing with addiction and self- esteem

Steve Trombecky- (friend) home recovering

Christina- (daughter) lives in Covid hotspot

Peter Klaus- (brother) motorcycle accident

Foster: Joyce Abbott- (former member) cancer

Andre Nemenek- (Shepherds table cook) prostate cancer

Mike Milton- (friend Donna Cone's brother) tested positive

Marian Kelly- (friend) breast cancer, mother's caretaker

Goodman: Randall Sales-(SRHS coach) cancer

Katherine Saunders- (Hugh's daughter) hospice

Griggs: Danny Miller- (co-worker) bladder cancer

Harris: Judy- doing better

Jim- recovering from knee surgery

Heinrich: Steven - (grandson) autoimmune disorder

Barbara Lore- (Helen's sister) heart problems

Koch: Doris- stroke

Kuhn- Kibbey: Nancy Milton- (friend) cancer, Alzheimer's
Dot- idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, wet macular degeneration
Grandson- alcoholism
Dan Withers- (friend) inoperative cancer
Susan Henderson- (friend) got infection from medical pump

Mauser: Joyce Reese- (friend) health problems
Steven-(son's boss) going blind
Norma Jean- (Gayle's sister) medical issues

Meyers: Patty- colon cancer

Mitchell: Bill- cancer, chemo and injections

Monk: Libby- hurt her hip and in pain

Morris: all law enforcement, firefighters and all other first responders
Forensic scientists who deal with crime
Rev. Pam Ledbetter-(friend) home, doing well
Doris Jean Coble- (cousin) in nursing home
Neal & Win Holland- in Australia, whole family has Covid

Salley: Emily Salley- (sister-in-law) recovering, good test results
West Coast dealing with fires, Gulf hurricane aftermath

Saunders: (Ronnie) Colin Bridges- (grandson)
Scott- (son-in-law) chemo and radiation

Scheurer: Jim Hedrick-(friend) cancer, partial lung removed
Bob Lindell-(friend) prostate cancer
Sonny- (son) colon cancer
Sandy- heart episode

Smith: Dorothy Smith (John's mother) moved into assisted living, prays she comes to the Lord

Stetson: David Wykle- lymphoma

Stevens: Jackie Landis- heart problems
Mike Elliston- asthma
Richard Taylor- (brother-in-law) home recovering
First responders dealing with wildfires

Toney: Karen Hyde-(friend) bladder cancer
Cal Rice- (former pastor) bone cancer, refused treatment
Al- liver problems, just moved into new home

White: Robert- pacemaker and defibrillator implanted

Wilkerson: Ricky Wilkerson-(Dan's cousin) cancer

Prayers for those dealing with loneliness

Prayers for healing the divisive spirit among our leaders/nation

Prayers for an end of the coronavirus and healing for those infected

Prayers for our divided country and the violence occurring

Prayers to speak and listen to those who are different

Three new ways to support Bedford Presbyterian Church ministries

CREDIT CARD! -- Go to the Bedford Presbyterian Website and look for the DONATE button. Donations through the website will be charged a 2% processing fee by the Presbyterian Foundation.

For more information:

<https://www.bedfordpresbyva.org/donate.html>



SHOP ONLINE! – on your web browser or cell phone app shop at Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com). Register Bedford Presbyterian as your charity of choice and Amazon will .5% of your entire eligible purchase price to the church.

For more information: <https://smile.amazon.com/>



SHOP IN THE STORE – Link your Kroger Card to Bedford Presbyterian Church as your charity of choice and a percentage of all your purchases will be contributed to the church.

For more information:

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>



**A reminder that early voting is available Monday- Friday
from 9am – 5pm at the gym across from the
Water Authority on Falling Creek Road**

**Thank you for continuing to send in your contributions and pledges.
You can mail your pledge or contribution (also 5 ¢ a meal and Heifer) or you
can drop by the office, Mon-Thurs between 8 am - 4pm.**

Activities for week of October 4th:

Sunday: 10 am Worship
11:30 am Prayer Time in the fellowship hall

Monday: Quilters- 6 pm

Tuesday: NO Something More

Sunday: October 11th
10 am Worship
Communion
5 ¢ a Meal Offering
11:30 am Prayer Time in the fellowship hall

Would you prayerfully consider helping to lead our Church?

Our Church nominating committee has several openings and is now prayerfully looking for 6 people to serve in leadership positions for class of 2023 (a 3-year term). If the Holy Spirit is speaking to you about the possibility of serving in any of these areas, please talk with: Paul Van Dyke, Russell Stevens, Sonya Smith, Dot Kuhn, or the pastor

Elder in charge of Discipleship

Elder in charge of Finance

Elder in charge of Worship

Deacon

2 Trustees



Happy Birthday!

Kathy Grigg- 5th
Scarlett Stevens- 6th
Lori Stetson- 9th
Philip Parker- 11th
Janet Neal- 14th
Libby Monk- 21st
Patty Meyers- 21st
J im Barefoot- 28th
Linda Benton- 30th

Happy Anniversary!!

Jay & Venus Gould- 5th
Paul & Nancy Van Dyke- 30th