

Bedford Presbyterian Church

105 West Main Street, Bedford, Virginia

From 1844 to 2021 (177 Years)



Week of October 24th

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 yet.

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.



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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Harold DeCou

Welcome and Announcements

- Offering Plates currently are not being passed. They are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary along with 5 ¢ a meal offering baskets. You can place your offering as you enter or leave the church.
- Prayer time meets in the Anna Latimer room following service.
- You will see an insert in the bulletin concerning the Afghan refugees that are at Massanetta. Please pray on how you can help, whether to make a donation or volunteer to help.
- Next Sunday we will be having a Pastor Appreciation potluck luncheon. So please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share and join us after the service.
- For other announcements, be sure to read this version of the weekly bulletin.

Call to Worship

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Some wandered, far and near, and cried out for help – which came from God.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Some sat in darkness; some rebelled; they cried out for help – which came from God.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: We come now to worship the God who saves through love:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Hymn of Praise

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

Hymn 63

Prayer of Confession:

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before You and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us of who we are in You and who You would have us be in this world. Hold us close to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

***Assurance of Pardon**

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 to the Father"

Bill Rutledge

Proclaiming the Word of God

Scripture

Romans 1: 1-17

Worship Song

"Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Hymn 120

Sermon

I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel!
(no printed sermon)

Rev. Lowell Sykes

Response to the Word of God

Worship Song

"I Am Not Ashamed"

Dawn Thomas

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn 34

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed Giver of All: what is love but giving? What is love, but offering back to You what we have already received from Your overflowing grace and care? Bless our gifts, we pray, that they may be used in acts of love. Bless our homes with peace and justice and mercy. Bless the lives we live and the words of our mouths, so that those who see us may praise God and those who hear us will be drawn to Christ.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Hymn 264

The Sending Forth

Benediction

May the eternal God bless us and keep us, guard our bodies, save our souls, direct our thoughts, and bring us safe to the heavenly country, our eternal home, where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ever reign, one God forever and ever. Amen

Postlude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Harold DeCou



Something More RETURNS – Tuesdays at 3pm!!

Beginning November 2nd, and every Tuesday thereafter, from 3-4:30 pm, we will resume our popular Bible study/discussion group that takes a deeper look behind the previous Sunday’s sermon, or whatever other Biblical questions may come up. Those who feel comfortable can participate in person – with proper social distancing – those who wish to ZOOM into the meeting can link in by 2:45 pm.

GO VOTE !!

With no lines, no waiting, and plenty of “social distancing,” The Bedford County Early Voting Center has opened in the County Gym, 1059 Turning Point Road in Bedford (*off of Falling Creek Road, just past the Sheriff’s Office and across the road from the Bedford County Regional Water Authority*)

The Vote Center will operate from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday and the same hours on Saturday, October 23 and October 30.



**Pastor’s Appreciation
POTLUCK**



Sunday, October 31st, Following Service

We will be having a potluck in honor of our pastors to let them know how much they are appreciated. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share and join us!!

Roanoke Holiday Pops Is Back!!!!



We have been able to reserve three tables for the Roanoke Holiday Pops Concert that will be on Friday, December 3rd, 7:30 at the Salem Civic Center. The tickets are \$49.00 each. For those who have never attended, it is a great way to kick off the Christmas season. With tables that are on the Civic Centers main floor we are able to bring appetizers to share and that is a big part of the fun and fellowship. Please call Judy Blair to reserve a seat or if you have any questions. 540-587-9416

Joys- October 24th

Joy- the church is blessed to have 3 gifted pastors

Concerns- October 24th

Avery: Tinkie, in special care at Elks Home

Barnes: Kim Hedrick- (friend) cancer

Joey Hedrick- (Kim's husband) cancer

Benton: Linda Crawford- (friend) not doing well, chemo

Roger- (friend) in rehab

Roger Harris- (friend) recovering

Kim- sister's neighbor- thyroid cancer

Carolyn- sister diagnosed with bone cancer

Blair: Tonya Blair's friend (Shelly Longnecker) recurring cancer

Boone: Trish Berghorn- cancer- final days

Casdorph: Sarah- (friend) has Delta variant after being vaccinated

Chryssikos: Kathy- home

Compter: two brothers- unbelievers

Prayers for friends to come to the Lord

Bob- (friend) Parkinson's

Michael Compter- (brother) heart failure

Steve & Mary- (friends) Steve disabilities

John & Bobbi- (friends) John's mom passed and now Covid

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

Janice Campbell-(friend) under hospice care

Ryan- (grandson) searching for faith

Nancy Holmes- (friend) stage 4 ovarian cancer, chemo, surgery

Gayle Mauser- health issues

DeHart: Dick Hatch- fell and broke hip

Fleming: family dealing with addiction and self-esteem

Their children- having difficulties

Dominic- (Ann Marie's brother) doing better

Foster: Joyce Abbott- (former member) doing better

Howard- (Tom's brother) problem with legs

Goodman: Charles- health issues, heart monitor, dialysis

Randall Sales-(SRHS coach) cancer

Mike Virts- (nephew) cancer, surgery went well

Michael McGuire- (grandson) injured during training, doing well

Graboyes: Leslie's mom, Janice, nursing home, hospice, not eating

Leslie's dad- fell broke hip, recovering from surgery

Brenda & Willie-(friend) Brenda under hospice care

Harris: Judy- not doing well, doing PT

Heinrich: Steven - (grandson) autoimmune disorder

Barbara Lore- (Helen's sister) heart problems

Hopkins: Mark- colon cancer, chemo

Kuhn- Kibbey: Nancy & Jeff Milton (friend) both in memory care

Dot- idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, wet macular degeneration

Dick- macular degeneration, taking shots

Mauser: Joyce Reese- (friend) health problems

Steven-(son's boss) going blind

Barbara-(Al's sister-in-law) intense headaches

McGuire: William & Catherine- car accident, Catherine in ICU
Meyers: Family of co-worker that was killed
Morris: all law enforcement, firefighters and all other first responders
Forensic scientists who deal with crime
Doris Jean Coble- (cousin) in nursing home
Nichols: JC (nephew's son) mitochondrial disease
Palmer: Jim (friend) heart attack and bypass surgery
Parker: Philip- covid
Pindexter: Heather- rheumatoid arthritis
Saunders: (Ronnie) Colin Bridges- (grandson)
Scott- (son-in-law) terminal brain cancer
Scheurer: Jim Hedrick- (friend) cancer
Bob Lindell- (friend) prostate cancer
Sonny (son) colon cancer, recovering from surgery
Fred & Sandy- both are home doing well
Smith: Dorothy Smith- (John's mother) pray she comes to the Lord
Stetson: Clay Ramsey- thyroid cancer
Katy Dubinski- (daughter) friend Michelle, depression
Kaleb- (grandson) pneumonia, possible feeding tube
Stevens: Jackie Landis- heart problems
Duncan Elliston- (fireman)
Bill Gray- loss of leg, cancer
Jessica Canfield- (friend) struggling after surgery
Toney: Cal Rice- (former pastor) bone cancer, refused treatment
Mike Stafford, (neighbor) stroke
Brother- Jack- has malignancy on head
Van Dyke: Donna Mannel (friend) MS
Eleanor- (Nancy's mom) stable, nursing home, pray for Salvation
Thomas Blythe- (friend) in rehab, taking treatment
Winberry: Chris- heart issues

Prayers for Afghanistan citizens, those in path of CA fires

Prayers for our nation and our President

Prayers for those dealing with loneliness

Prayers for healing the divisive spirit among our leaders/nation

Prayers for an end of the coronavirus and for those infected

Prayers to speak and listen to those who are different

Prayers on ways to help Massanetta, who are hosting 32 Afghan immigrants

Prayers for the missionaries that were kidnapped in Haiti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Activities for week of October 24th

Sunday: 9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship with Rev. Lowell Sykes
Prayer Time following service

Monday: Cubs

Tuesday: 6 pm Quilters

Sunday: October 31st
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship
Potluck Luncheon
Prayer Time following service

October Birthdays

Jim Barefoot- 28th
Ann Marie Fleming- 28th
Linda Benton- 30th

October Anniversaries

James & Ann Marie Fleming- 28th
Paul & Nancy Van Dyke- 30th

November Birthdays

Bailey Dills- 5th
Paul Gillespie- 5th
David Grigg- 5th
Tom Foster- 7th
Judy Harris-13th
Gerda Schubert-13th
Betty Easter-18th
Bill Rutledge- 23rd
Dianne Fain- 29th
Barry Schubert- 30th

November Anniversaries

Chris & Kathy Dills- 2nd
Dick & Lois Diddams- 25th
Harold & Janet Neal- 29th

October Clerk's Corner



- Look for a visit: the Session has divided into ten teams of two for a visit to church members and friends to explain the Way Forward proposal for the church and how each member can be involved.
- Your pastor is a real horse trader. He reached a deal to sell the big barbeque grill for \$80 & the playground plastic walls for \$100.
- Thank Bill for his efforts: he has prepared practice tracks for each of the choir member's Abendmusik parts, burning about 50 CDs.
- The Compters will handle music at the November 7 service.
- Were you wondering? Bill fully intends to continue blending traditional and contemporary music in services.
- We have a surplus! First Fruits obligations have now been met for the year. With the initial bounty, Session approved gifts to the Bedford Christmas Station and Bedford Domestic Violence.
- Please be generous: Session approved that instead of the usual Thanksgiving canned food drive, a special offering be taken for the Afghan refugees staying at Massanetta Springs. The goal is \$5,000 and funds will be collected from now until November 21.
- The Daniel prayer series will begin on October 31.
- Sherry Parker will present a program on caring for aging parents on November 7.
- Philip Parker's class on finding God in nature will begin in January.
- Something More will resume on November 2 and meet from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.
- The Lawn looks lovely: John Blair purchased a new weed eater.
- A welcome addition: There is an ice maker in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that the ice maker will be turned off if not needed.
- You should feel safe: fire extinguishers, alarm system, and elevator were inspected.
- The Prayer Table will be set up for the Farmer's Market Apple Fest on October 29.
- No worries: although income is down somewhat, spending remains under budget.

Future Important Dates:

Sunday, October 31—Pastor Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, November 14—stated Session meeting

Sunday, November 21—Harvest Home Celebration & Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, December 12—Abendmusik

Sunday December 26—Cookies and Cake informal family Christmas service

Sunday, January 16, 2022—Soup and Pie Potluck Luncheon

2021 Harvest Home Offering to help Afghan refugees

Photo credit: U.S. Marine Corps/ Sgt. Samuel Ruiz

As you know, with the American departure, Afghanistan quickly fell back under control of the Taliban, a fundamentalist Muslim group that is both anti-American and anti-Christian. As a consequence, over 100,000 Afghans who are Christians or who assisted American personnel fled for their lives and are now being resettled in various host nations.



Here in Virginia, our own Presbyterian Massanetta Springs Conference Center is working with Church World Services in Harrisonburg to host and help resettle a continuing stream of 50+ Afghan refugees through February, 2022. However, this effort will require both a large number of volunteers and unbudgeted funds to do so. Thus Massanetta is reaching out to the Churches for assistance in supporting this ministry.

In response, the Bedford Session has authorized that **our 2021 special Thanksgiving offering - instead of the regular food drive – will be the gathering of a monetary gift from now through Harvest Home Sunday, November 21st which we will then send on to the Massanetta Refugee Ministry.**

We are looking to raise \$5,000 or more with this special offering. So, please generously contribute to this Thanksgiving gift for those who now need our help, making your check payable to Bedford Presbyterian Church and clearly marking your gift "for Afghan Refugees".

Of course if you have some free time and energy you may also wish to volunteer a week or more serving up at the Camp (*we will be excited to hear your report when you return*). Follow the link below to find more information about financial needs and volunteering opportunities. "*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*" – Jesus

For the Session,
John Salley.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/f687a2ec601/4bac14c0-2918-4a55-9a2f-836629d8c4ec.pdf>

Afghan Refugee Collection to date: \$500