

# Bedford Presbyterian Church

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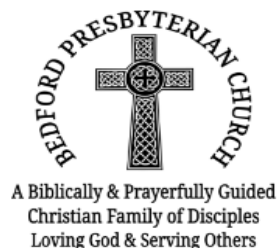
From 1844 to 2025 (181 Years)



## Week of September 28, 2025

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.

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 is a Biblically and  
Prayerfully Guided Christian Family of  
Disciples, Loving God and Serving Others*

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### **Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ Be With You

**All: And Also With You**

### **Prelude**

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

arr: Mark Hayes

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Minute for Missions**

Building Communities Near and Far

Betsy Stout

### **Call to Worship**

One: As we gather today, we call You Heavenly Father

**All: Our Father, who art in Heaven.**

One: As we gather today we bow in worship to honor Your name.

**All: Hallowed be Thy name.**

One: As we gather today, we seek Your will and not our own.

**All: Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done.**

One: As we gather today may the Lord be enthroned on the praises of His people.

**All: Father in heaven, we worship and praise You with all our hearts. Your kingdom come, Your will be done in our lives today.**

### **Hymn**

*"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"*

Hymn 342

### **Prayer of Confession: (in unison)**

Father in heaven, we confess that we have not always hallowed Your name and our actions have not always reflected the reverence Your name deserves. Your kingdom is meant to come, but we often hinder its progress by not believing that through our prayers and through our actions Your kingdom can become a reality on earth. Father, forgive us for not seeking first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. May this be our desire: that Your kingdom and Your will may be increasingly established on the earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

### **\*Assurance of Pardon (responsive)**

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 Patri**

*"Glory to the Father"*

Bill Rutledge

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Scripture**

Romans 8:18-23

### **A Time for All God's Children**

### **Praise Song**

*"Heaven is in My Heart with He is Good"*

Graham Kendrick

### **Sermon**

On Monday as it is in Heaven

*Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV) / Romans 8:18-23 / Genesis 1:1-2 / Ephesians 2:10*

**Series Big Idea:** THE LORD'S PRAYER IS A DAILY COMPASS, POINTING NOT TO A PLACE WE ARE GOING, BUT TO A PERSON WE ARE BECOMING.

**Sermon Big Idea:** DISCIPLESHIP IS LESS ABOUT GETTING FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN THAN GETTING HEAVEN TO EARTH.

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**1. AS IT IS IN HEAVEN** "AS IN HEAVEN, ALSO ON THE EARTH" (MATT. 6:10C; GREEK) SUMMARIZES THE GREAT **LONGING** OF ALL CREATION.

## Read

Romans 8:18-23 / 2 Corinthians 5:4

*You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.* (Augustine)

## Reflect

- Why doesn't Paul say that all creation longs for God?
- Who does Paul say that all creation is longing for?
- What is one part of your life you would like to be improved/renewed?
- What could you do, this week, to bring a little heaven (i.e. a little of the "ideal") into that part of your life?

**Respond** Begin to recognize your groaning to become the more heavenly version of yourself. Ask God to make you sensitive to the groaning of others (and even creation itself). Remind yourself daily: Creation is eagerly waiting for me to live as the child of God I truly am."

**Pray** *"Heavenly Father, forgive me for the ways I distract myself from my deep longing to become all you created me to be. Teach me to listen to the longing within myself, to the cries of others, and to the groaning of all creation. Amen."*

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## 2. ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN "AS IN HEAVEN, ALSO ON THE EARTH" (MATT. 6:10C; GREEK) POINTS US TO OUR PURPOSE.

### Read

Genesis 1:1-2; 1:27-28; 2:15 *Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.* (Teresa of Ávila)

### Reflect

- Why doesn't God finish what He started?
- Has He finished yet?
- How does He plan to finish what He started?
- What is our original human vocation?

**Respond** Each morning, this week, as you use your compass (i.e. Lord's Prayer) to point yourself in the right direction, pause and remind yourself:

God created me to partner with Him in the beautification of all creation — starting with the lump of clay staring back at me in the mirror.

**Pray** *"Heavenly Father, renew my sense of purpose. Teach me how to live into my original vocation, this week. Amen."*

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## 3. ON MONDAY AS IT IS IN HEAVEN "AS IN HEAVEN, ALSO ON..." (MATT. 6:10C; GREEK) CALLS US TO ACTION.

### Read

Ephesians 2:10

*The church exists...not to provide an escape from the world's troubles but to colonize the earth with the life of heaven.* (N.T. Wright, Simply Christian)

*The Gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die, and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die.* (Dallas Willard)

### Reflect

- Imagine your life fully colonized by the life of heaven. What would be different?
- Imagine our world fully colonized by the life of heaven. What would that look like?
- What small but significant step will you take this week to move your life and world that direction?

### Respond

Choose one specific way you will bring heaven into a part of your life this week?

(e.g. thoughts/words/deeds/relationships/calendars/budgets/church/town)

Write it down. Share it with someone. Pray it daily.

## **Pray**

*"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come — through me — on earth — this week. Thy will be done — in me — through Christ — this week. May my 'real' move closer to Your 'ideal,' as You empower me to live the life of heaven now. Amen."*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

### **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.

### **Worship Song**

*"God Our Father"*

Sam Hargreaves

### **Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism

One: The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563 instructs us as to the meaning of the second and third petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Let's read this instruction together:

**All:** "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by Your Word and Spirit in such a way that we submit more completely to You; that we preserve Your church and make it grow; that we destroy the devil's work; that we destroy every force which revolts against You and every conspiracy against Your holy Word. "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" means: Help us to reject our own wills and to obey Your will without question. Your will alone is good. Help us carry out the work we are called to as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven. May we do this until Your kingdom fully comes, when You will be all in all.

### **Doxology**

*"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"*

Hymn 34

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

"Heavenly Father, with hearts full of gratitude, we come before You today, thanking You for Your unending grace, Your boundless love and Your steadfast mercy that sustains us daily. We thank You for sending Your Spirit to comfort us and guide us and help us to make a difference in this world. May our offering today help us to further establish Your Kingdom on earth. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Hymn**

*"I Then Shall Live"*

Hymn 372

## **THE SENDING FORTH**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Diane Bish

**The flowers are given to the Glory of God** and in gratitude of my Christian parents,  
Dot and Dick DeShazo, by Dianne Fain.

# October 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> <i>Something More 3 pm</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Men's Breakfast 9 am</i>
<b>5</b> <i>10 am Worship Communion</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Something More 3 pm</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>10 am Worship 5¢ a Meal BCM collection</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Something More 3 pm</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Women's Bible Study, 10 am</i>
<b>19</b> <i>10 am Worship</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Something More 3 pm</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <i>10 am Worship</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Something More 3 pm</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

### Joys- September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Joy-** John Blair thanks church for generosity with donating for yard sale

**Joy-** Margaret Morris thankful for wonderful nurses and that Ron was home.

### Concerns- September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Barnes:** Shannon Sledd (niece) 3<sup>rd</sup> surgery

Jerry Dillon (nephew) health issues

Jay's grandniece, husband pancreatic cancer surgery

Jay & Eunice- covid

**Benton:** travel mercies for daughter

**Blair:** Dr. Cohen stroke

**Brunot:** Jim's brother Bill, in remission

Jim's mother improving

**Callahan:** Mary Jane (friend) doing better

Steve Chaffin (friend) blood clots

Prayers for country

**Compter:** Jeannie, Seth (both friend) health issues

Bob (friend) doing better

Laurie- mother has cancer

Michael (brother) home

Jean (friend) family having strife, husband Eric- stroke

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

Garrett Winslow – struggling, autism, abandoned

Ryan- (grandson) searching for faith

Lory Graham- (friend) health issues, wife caretaker

Brenda Wilkerson- UVA seizures

Wayne Cocke- neighbor – in hospital

**DeHart:** Lucile Kesterson (Dawn's mother) aging memory issues

Julian Kesterson (Dawn's stepdad) nursing home, multiple falls

**DeWitt:** Nick and Maggie as they start college

**Easter:** Jim (brother) now cancer free

**Fleming:** Dominick (Ann Marie's brother) heart surgery successful,

Michael Kay (friend) last stages of lung cancer

Prayers for 85 yr old sister caring for 59 yr old son with Downs syndrome

Harold Jackson- health issues

Friends cousin- serious car accident, injured eye

Colleen (niece) struggling with business

**Foster:** Lynn (sister-in-law) dementia

Debbie (friend) same brain surgery Ellen had

Ellen- hurt her back

**Froberg:** oldest son, back and sciatic pain

**Goode:** Prayers for goals with Christmas boxes

Sandra Grover- breast cancer

Heber Himmelwright was just diagnosed with Guillain–Barré

Lindsey Blanton is battling leukemia again.

**Goodman:** Grandson traveling to Brazil for mission work

**Grigg:** Chris Mays- diabetic complications

**Grubb:** son-in-law health issues

**Harris:** Jim, back pain

Judy- sister-in-law has cancer

**Heinrich:** Steven - (grandson) autoimmune disorder  
Barbara Lore- (Helen's sister) heart problems  
**Hopkins:** son-in-law health issues  
**Mauser:** Joyce Reese- (friend) health problems  
Steven-(son's boss) going blind  
Barbara (Al's sister) intense headaches  
**McManis:** for grandson leaving USMC  
**Morris:** all law enforcement, firefighters and first responders  
Forensic scientists who deal with crime  
Rev. Pam Ledbetter  
**Nichols;** Gracie Murphree blood pressure, multiple strokes  
**Rutledge:** friend in Hawaii health issues  
Prayers for Singing school  
**Saunders:** Ron, doing better  
Son-in-law, cancer not spreading  
**Scheurer:** Jim Hedrick- (friend) cancer  
Bob Lindell-(friend) prostate cancer  
Sonny (son) doing well  
**Smith:** Dorothy Smith- (John's mother) that she comes to the Lord  
Marcus Walker (Sonya's brother) prostate cancer  
**Stetson:** Nick, Tiffany & Savannah- home doing well  
Morgan (nephew) life decisions  
**Stevens:** Jackie Landis- heart problems  
Matt- lung cancer, still suffering  
Chief Hops not doing well  
Scarlett- traveling to friends who is ill  
**Wilkes:** prayers for extended family

**Prayers for our nation and our President**  
**Prayers for healing the divisive spirit among our leaders/nation**  
**Russian invasion ends and not resort to nuclear weapons.**  
**Prayers for new residents to come to worship with us**  
**Prayers for Ukraine**  
**Pray for World Peace**  
**Prayers for Israel**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Activities for week of September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday: 10 am Worship, Rev. Ben Banner

Meet & Greet after service

Wednesday: Something More 3 pm

Sunday: October 5<sup>th</sup>

10 am Worship, Rev. Ben Banner

Communion

### **September Birthdays**

Jay Barnes- 29

### **October Birthdays**

Kathy Grigg - 5

Scarlett Stevens - 6

Lori Stetson - 9

Philip Parker - 11

Libby Monk - 21

Susan Routt- 26

Jim Barefoot - 28

Ann Marie Fleming - 28

Linda Benton -30

### **October Anniversaries**

Richard & Belvia Tate - 3

Jay & Venus Gould - 5

James & Ann Marie Fleming - 28

Paul & Nancy Van Dyke - 30

**Bedford Ride is in need of volunteer drivers, if interested, please call 540-587-3315.**

**BCM needs 2 volunteers** to work on Fridays in the household and clothing section.

If you can help, please let BCM know.

**A special collection is requested for Christmas toys** for the children that our budgeted missions supports in Nicaragua for the Heart of Christ Justice Project. Our goal for this initiative is \$400 and due by October 1st, 2025 in order for the items to be ordered and shipped in time for the Christmas holidays. Please make checks to Bedford Presbyterian Church and note in the memo of the check Toys for Honduras. Thank you for your support of this mission opportunity!