

Bedford Presbyterian Church

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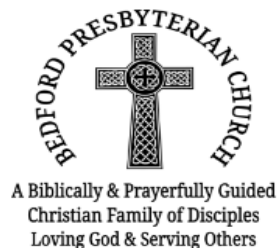
From 1844 to 2025 (181 Years)



Week of October 5, 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

"Morning Has Broken"

arr: Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome

Minute for Missions

Nursery

Becky Noell

Call to Worship

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

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

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

All: As we gather today we acknowledge that You are the source of all that we need.

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn 71

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Heavenly Father, in light of Your command to pray for our daily bread, we confess our sins. Forgive us for living as though we are the source of our own provision. We work, plan and save and in doing so, we often forget that You are the provider of all good things. We pursue luxuries when we should be content with necessities. We pray for our daily needs, yet we often fail to trust in You to provide. Our souls are often starved because we seek nourishment from earthly things rather than from Jesus, the Bread of Life. Merciful God, we repent of these sins. Give us hearts of humble dependence, gratitude and contentment. Help us to live like Your children, trusting You to provide for us day by day. In the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life, we pray. 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

Exodus 16: 2-4

A Time for All God's Children

Anthem

"Holy Thy Name"

arr: Tom Fettke

Sermon

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV) / Exodus 16

Series Big Idea:

The Lord's Prayer is our discipleship compass, pointing us not to a place we are going, but to the person we are becoming.

Sermon Big Idea:

"Give us this day our daily bread" isn't about getting what we want, but about being prepared and empowered, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to get God what He wants.

1. REMINDER

"Give us this day our Daily Bread" is an important REMINDER to rejoice.

Read

Exodus 16:2-5, 13-21

Listen to the song Counting My Blessings, by Seph Schlueter.

Reflect

- Why was Israel complaint and grumbling, when they should have been rejoicing?
- Is there a circumstance in your life that is currently making it hard for you to rejoice?
- How might it change your day if you began by counting your blessings?

Respond

Start each day, this week, by writing down 10 things you are thankful for. Then thank God for those things — out loud.

Pray

"Heavenly Father, thank You for every good and perfect gift that comes from above. Teach me to see Your blessings, rejoice in them, and give You glory. Amen."

2. REQUEST

"Give us this day our Daily Bread" is a surprising REQUEST for less.

Read

Matthew 6:25-34; Proverbs 30:8-9

"He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only." (C.S. Lewis)

Reflect

- Why doesn't God give the Israelites as much as they want?
- What are some ways that "too much blessing" can actually become a curse (or too much of a good thing can become a bad thing)?
- Has the hoarding of time, possessions, or opportunities ever turned "wormy" in your life? If not, how could that happen?

Respond

Each morning this week, pray the following prayer:

Pray

"Heavenly Father, You've protected us from poverty, now protect me from riches! Give me not what I want, but what I would want if I did want what You want. Amen."

3. RESOURCE

"Give us this day our Daily Bread" is a daily RESOURCE for discipleship.

Read

John 6:31-35, 48-51

"He nourishes us spiritually by his own flesh. For in giving himself to us, he plants his own life within us, so that we may be conformed to his likeness and live in him." (Cyril of Alexandria)

"We do not pray as if we could order God about, or as if He would give us what we like merely because we ask for it. We pray that our desires may be brought into conformity with His. We pray for what we ought

to want, not for what we happen to fancy. We ask not for what is pleasant to us, but for what will enable us to obey Him, to love Him, and to serve Him. In this sense, the daily bread for which we pray is not primarily for our own comfort or indulgence, but to sustain us for the tasks He has appointed". (C.S. Lewis)

Reflect

- What does Jesus say is the *"true bread from heaven?"* And what does that mean?
- How does the act of eating the communion bread enact our discipleship commitment? (Or, what is the connection between communion and commission?)
- What would it mean to *embody* on Monday what we *enact* on Sunday? (Or, what's your Monday morning nibble, this week?)

Respond

Choose one simple, bite sized, thing you can put in your head, heart, life this week to make you more like your rabbi, Jesus. (e.g. one scripture in your head, one word of kindness in your mouth, one act of prioritizing God in your calendar)

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

Pray

"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 — REMIND us to rejoice. Make our one REQUEST that Thy Will be done. And may our singular commitment be to conform to the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose life and ministry — body and blood — are the only fueling RESOURCES upon which we will eternally and wholly rely. 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

"Here is Bread"

Graham Kendrick

Communion

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Hymn 34

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be the Bread of Life broken for the world. In Him alone are our souls satisfied and in Him alone are we spiritually nourished. Thank You for the joy of salvation and for satisfying our deepest spiritual hunger and thirst. Help us to feed on You daily and to trust in Your provision, finding all we need in Your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praise Song

"How Great is the Greatness of God"

Getty Music

THE SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Postlude

"Hymn of Praise"

James Denton

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and fortunate to have had such a wonderful father,
William Bennett Farrar, by Dot Kuhn-Kibbey

October 2025

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

Joys- October 5th

Joy- Barnes- celebrating 60th anniversary and Jay's 94 birthday

Joy- to see Ron Morris in service

Joy- Lori- joy that Savannah is still home, doing well

Joy- McManis- joy that grandson is engaged

Concerns- October 5th

Barnes: Shannon Sledd (niece) 3rd surgery

Jerry Dillon (nephew) health issues

Jay's grandniece, husband pancreatic cancer surgery

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

Bobbie (friend) mother had 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

Patrick Schaefer (friend) lung surgery, ICU

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

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

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, home, needs help

Froberg: oldest son, back and sciatic pain

Father-(Keir's) and companion health issues

Claudia- travel mercies to go to father-in-law

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
Charlotte- health issues
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
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
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 October 5th

Sunday: 10 am Worship, Rev. Ben Banner
Communion

Wednesday: Something More 3 pm

Sunday: October 12th

10 am Worship, Rev. Ben Banner
5¢ a Meal Offering
BCM donations/collections

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

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, October 19, there will be a congregational meeting directly after the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the proposed slate of Elders and Trustees of the church and to elect members of the 2026 Nominating Committee.