

## Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us today.

*We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.*

### Worshipping with Joy

In person at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Also livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEeoL7DAP74>

### Downstairs

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3-8.

There is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

### Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**—Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Nathan and Laura Priddle.
- **Adult Bible study**—by Zoom 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays led by Reid Campbell.
- **Men's Bible study** meet on Thursday at 7pm beginning on September 28.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** on Genesis led by Laura Priddle meets Wednesday morning at 9:30. Come early for coffee, tea and snacks.

### Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- Kevin Burrell – cancer treatment
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the Week: Murray Nicoll and Sharon Marshall

### Officers of the Church

#### Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor  
Peter Bustin  
Reid Campbell  
Will Perrie  
Glenn Wadden

#### Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

#### Deacons

David Campbell  
Edward Woolley

**Electronic giving:** You can give electronically by sending an Interac e-transfer to [bedfordpca@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordpca@gmail.com)

**At church:** There is a plate for offerings on the back table.



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## Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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## Reflections

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

*Galatians 5:1*

These walls are funny. First you hate 'em, then you get used to 'em. Enough time passes, you get so you depend on them. That's institutionalized.

*Red in Shawshank Redemption*

“God’s purpose was not simply to deliver Israel from Pharaoh’s yoke. It was to bring them under His yoke.”

*Edmund Clowney*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**Call to Worship** *Psalm 71:1-3*

Minister: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame!

**People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me, and save me!**

Minister: Be to me a rock of refuge,  
to which I may continually come;

**People: You have given the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

**Hymn of Praise:** A Mighty Fortress is Our God

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17

**Call to Repentance:** Psalm 103:8-10

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**Song of Reflection:** Psalm 145

## Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

**Declaration of Forgiveness:** Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,

## Songs of Renewal:

All in All

Amazing Love

**Ordination and Installation of Honza Pokorny for the office of  
deacon**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:25-30

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Offering**

**New Testament Reading:** Colossians 1:13-14

## Sermon: Slavery to Freedom

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Closing Hymn:** Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon: From Slavery to Freedom