

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=9JpS2fWhcHo>

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.

Upcoming Events

October 14—yard day from 9-12

October 15—Potluck lunch after worship

October 22—Prayer Meeting after worship

October 27-28—Eastern Canada Presbytery

Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**—Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Nathan and Laura Priddle. Studying Colossians.
- **Adult Bible study**—led by Reid Campbell on Zoom on the gospel of John.
- **Men's Bible study**—Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on the Ten Commandments.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** on Genesis led by Laura Priddle meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. 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

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

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



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

“This is what the Lord says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;

apart from me there is no God.

Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me

what has happened since I established my ancient people,

and what is yet to come—

yes, let them foretell what will come.

Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

Isaiah 44:6-8

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Call to Worship *Hebrews 12:1-2*

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Minister: looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

People: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hymn of Praise: How Great Thou Art

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:15-24

Call to Repentance: *2 Chronicles 7:14-15*

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

Hymn of Reflection: Give Thanks

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and to humbly confess to you, our unbelief. While we know and believe that Jesus died for us on the cross, and that he was raised for us from the dead, we admit it often makes too little difference in our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Enable us to fully embrace the truth of the gospel, so that our love for you may flourish, that our obedience may be wholehearted and joyful, and that our witness may be more courageous. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, and triumphant Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: *Colossians 1:13-14*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Renewal:

Psalm 103

Jesus, I Need You

Reception of New Members: Tarcisio and Erika Braga

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-11

Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

New Testament Reading: Acts 17:22-34

Sermon: Do Not Bow to Idols

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Closing Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

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: Do Not Bow to Idols