

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=raYI9hqudXw>

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

Saturday, December 2: Wreath Making at 9:30 a.m.

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 Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom on the gospel of John.
- **Men's Bible study** meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on the Ten Commandments. We will not meet this Thursday.
- **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 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
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Maria Ramsey—family of the week

Officers of the Church

Elders

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

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

Deacons

David Campbell
Honza Pokorny
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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Bedford Presbyterian Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from 1 Chronicles 16*

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Minister: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts
of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Minister: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.

**People: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Song of Praise: Rejoice, The Lord is King

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3

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.

Song of Reflection: Psalm 31

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess to you our sinful nature –prone to evil and slow to do good –and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. We are ashamed and sorry for all our rebellious deeds. Teach us to hate our sin. Cleanse us from our secret sins and forgive us for the sake of your Son. O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, that from now on we may live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the word of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Song of Renewal:

Praise to the Lord Almighty

Shout to the Lord

Gospel Reading: John 8:31-45

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

The Doxology

Epistle Reading: Romans 3:9-31

Sermon: The Effect of the Fall

Rev Don Codling

Closing Hymn: On Christ the Solid Rock

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: The Effect of the Fall

Doctrine to be lived 4

Genesis 3; Romans 3:9-31

I. Seeking to be a god, you make yourself less than human

A. Original sin was desire to be a god

B. Continuing sin is desire to be a god

C. Effect is that people think of themselves as animals

II. In fallen state you reject your proper responsibilities

A. Do not want to do tasks you should

B. Cast responsibilities on husband or wife or

III. In fallen state you become a destroyer

A. Desire to be a god is essential self-centeredness

B. Self-centeredness breeds desire to destroy rivals

C. Self-centeredness encourages claim of absolute right to all things

IV. Fall leaves you unable to fulfil yourself

A. Cannot achieve at the level of a god

B. Cannot find God on your own

C. No basis left for valuing what you can do