## **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=eQlx7ICPhNc

## **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.

## Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 10, Christmas Potluck at the church after worship service. Bring a dish to share or just come and enjoy food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

## **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
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end.
- Evangelism
- Alex and Tanya Semenov and kids—family of the week

## **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**

Pastor Bill Radford December 3, 2023 www.bedfordpca.org 49 Nelsons Landing Blvd. Bedford, NS

#### Reflections

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God. Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end. on the throne of David and over his kingdom. to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Isaiah 9:6-7

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

## Invocation

Call to Call to Worship Psalm 96:7-10

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Minister: Worship the Lord in the splendour of holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth!

People: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

Hymn of Praise: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Call to Repentance: Mark 1:15

(Jesus said) The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;

repent and believe in the gospel

Hymn of Reflection: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#### Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly. righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name, Amen

#### Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

## Songs of Renewal:

Psalm 67 Cornerstone

Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11

**Prayers of the People** The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38

Sermon: Adultery, Idolatry

Pastor Bill Radford

Professing our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#### **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: Adultery, Idolatry