

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=mYJWs5EpsEo>

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.

There will be a festive lunch today after the service. Stay and enjoy food and fellowship.

Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**—Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Nathan and Laura Priddle. Studying Colossians. Resumes in January.
- **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. Resumes in January

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
- Family of the week: Mona Sneddon

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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Reflections

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.
Hebrews 1:1-3a

The body of the Word, then, being a real human body, in spite of its having been uniquely formed from a virgin, was of itself mortal and, like other bodies, liable to death. But the indwelling of the Word loosed it from this natural liability, so that corruption could not touch it. Thus it happened that two opposite marvels took place at once: the death of all was consummated in the Lord's body; yet, because the Word was in it, death and corruption were in the same act utterly abolished.

Athanasius, On the Incarnation

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Call to Worship *Psalm 33:1-5*

Minister: Sing for joy in the Lord, you righteous ones;
Praise is becoming to the upright.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.
Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.**

Minister: For the word of the Lord is right,
And all His work is *done* in faithfulness.

**People: He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Hymn of Praise: O Come All Ye Faithful

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 33:6-12

Call to Repentance: *1 John 1:8-9*

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 145

Confession of Sin

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: *1 John 2:1-2*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Songs of Renewal:

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Reading: Colossians 1:15-19

Ministry Report: CPA Christian Fellowship

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14

Sermon: The Incarnation of the Son of God

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Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

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: The Incarnation of the Son of God