

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=GzztHqM9Lf4>

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. 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. Resumes in January.
- **Men's Bible study** meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on the Ten Commandments. Resumes in January.
- **ISM C 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
- Glenn and Ann Wadden—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. If you wish, it is easy to set up a pre-authorized transfer from your account.

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



A time to be
thankful and
a time to
remember
end-of-year
giving.



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;

The Wrong shall fail,

The Right prevail,

With peace on earth, good-will to men."

H. W. Longfellow, I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

"If you want God's grace, all you need is need, all you need is nothing."

Timothy Keller

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 98*

Minister: Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;

**People: his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

Minister: The LORD has made his salvation known

People: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Minister: He has remembered his love

and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**People: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Hymn of Praise: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Call to Repentance: *Matthew 1:21*

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Hymn of Reflection: Teach Me Oh Lord, Thy Holy Way

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 *Romans 5:10*

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Song of Renewal:

Psalm 46

The Goodness of God

New Testament Reading: *Philippians 4:8-9*

Pastoral Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2*

Sermon: Wise Men from the East

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Wise Men from the East