

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=MOkjFDsKxPI&pp=ygUnYmVkZm9yZCBwcmVzYnl0ZXJpYW4gY2h1cmNoIG5vdmEgc2NvdGlh>

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.

Check out our updated website: bedfordpca.org

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. A new study commences January 17.
- **Men's Bible study** meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on the Ten Commandments.
- **ISM study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** on 1 Peter 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
- Rob and Emily Walker: 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

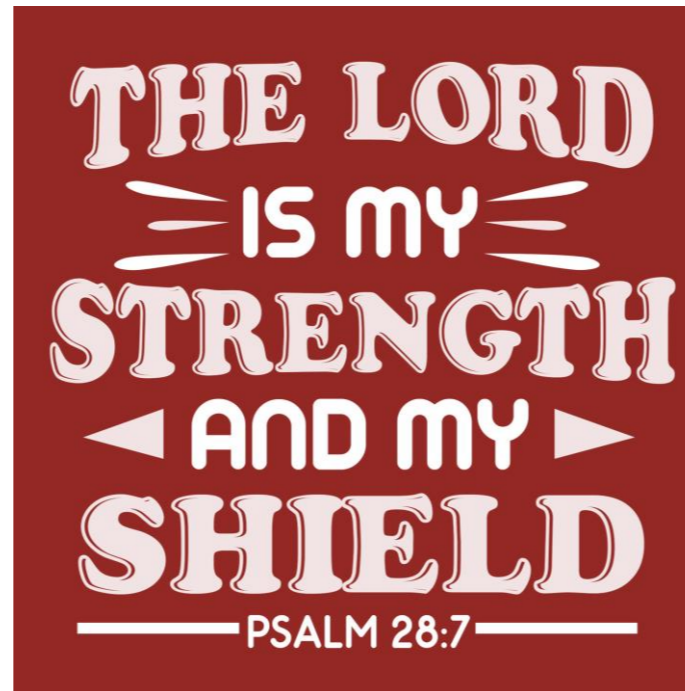
David Campbell

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

Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal?

Romans 2:21

“Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?”

John Wesley

“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 100*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Minister: Know that the Lord, he is God.

People: It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise: All Creatures of our God and King

Old Testament Reading: *Leviticus 19:9-18*

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: Psalm 67

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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:

Before the Throne of God Above

Cornerstone

New Testament Reading: *Ephesians 4:25-32*

Pastoral Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 19:16-22*

Sermon: You Shall not Steal

Pastor Bill Radford

Professing our Faith: The Nicene Creed

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: You Shall not Steal