# 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=tVTAidMsTZw

#### **Downstairs**

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3-10: 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 Malachi.
- 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.
- I<u>SMC</u> study groups are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- Women's Bible Study on 1 Peter led by Laura Priddle at her home. Meets Wednesday mornings 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
- Diana Weaver-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



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





Point Pleasant Park

# **Bedford Presbyterian Church**

Pastor Bill Radford January 14, 2024 www.bedfordpca.org 49 Nelsons Landing Blvd. Bedford, NS

#### Reflections

Jesus \*said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

"If a woe is here pronounced even on private individuals, when they say of evil that it is good, and of good that it is evil, how much more on those who have been raised to any elevated, rank, and discharge a public office, whose duty it is to defend what is right and honorable!" Those who hold positions of leadership are tasked particularly with promoting what is right and good. God's people must hold leaders accountable when they endorse evil *John Calvin* 

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Invocation

Call to Worship from Psalm 111 Minister: Praise the Lord! People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Minister: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. People: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. Minister: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. People: Holy and awesome is his name!

Hymn of Praise: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:18-23

Call to Repentance: Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

#### **Confession of Sin**

Our gracious God and Father, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your Holy Spirit and make your Word the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your Son, Jesus, that we may live before the world to your glory. Amen.

# 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:

We Believe King of Kings

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-15 Pastoral Prayer Doxology

Gospel Reading: John 8:39-47

# Sermon: You Shall not Bear False Witness

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: All Glory be to Christ the King

# Benediction

Dismissal