

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=AybAVNcnEQ>

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.

Downstairs

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3 to 10.

There is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

Check out our updated website: bedfordpca.org

Upcoming

Potluck: February 18, after the worship service.

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. Studying Leviticus.
- **Men's Bible study** meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on the Ten Commandments.
- **ISMC 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
- Edward and Eliza Woolley: 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



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Let the heavens rejoice,
let the earth be glad,
let them say among the nations,
“The Lord reigns!”

1 Chronicles 16:31

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Reflections

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Colossians 3:5

Christ has come to free us from idolatry to sin so that we might serve God out of gratitude for the grace that He has bestowed upon us. Christ is the only one who has ever kept the first commandment and loved God with all of his heart, soul, mind, and strength. Christ Jesus died under the curse of the Law for idolaters who repent and believe the Gospel of grace.

Martin Luther

Luther says that failure to believe that God accepts us fully in Christ—and to look to something else for our salvation—is a failure to keep the first commandment; namely, having no other gods before him. To try to earn your own salvation through works-righteousness is breaking the first commandment. Then he says that we cannot truly keep any of the other laws unless we keep the first law—against idolatry and works-righteousness. Thus, beneath any particular sin is this sin of rejecting Christ-salvation and indulging in self-salvation.

Tim Keller

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *Psalm 99:1-5*

Minister: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

Minister: The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: Exalt the Lord our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

Hymn of Praise: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 20:17-21*

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.

Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 53

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 *Ephesians 2:4-7*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Song of Renewal:

Blessed Be Your Name

Hosanna

New Testament Reading: *Colossians 3:1-10*

Pastoral Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*

Sermon: You Shall not Covet

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: You Shall not Covet