

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=yvdDtN3zPkE>

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 3-10.

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

Check out our updated website: bedfordpca.org

Potluck: February 18

ESL Ministry begins March 6

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
- Carolyn Allen: 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



*but God shows his love
for us in that while we
were yet sinners Christ
died for us*

Romans 5:8

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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 12:31

“But it can be extremely painful to learn the fear of the Lord. It is death to our narcissistic egos and self-assured opinions and superior neutrality. But we do not change for the better by turning inward. We change as we turn outward and upward to the Lord with an awakened sense of his sheer reality, his moral beauty, his eternal grandeur, infinitely above us but relevant to us.”

Raymond C Ortlund Jr.

Some may find the idea of being afraid of God to be strange or unattractive. But the fact remains that to experience the power of the creator of the universe is fearful. Thus Moses hides his face at the burning bush because he is afraid to look at God. Thus the people are terrified when they hear the divine voice at Sinai. Thus Nadab and Abihu die because of a misstep in closeness to the holy. When one appreciates what is at stake, one can understand why the idea of *fear* of God—literally, profoundly—is so significant here.”

Richard Elliott Friedman

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *Psalms 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: Holy, Holy, Holy

Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 20:18-21*

Call to Repentance: *2 Chronicles 7:14-15*

if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 22b

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness *Romans 8:1-4*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Song of Renewal:

Fairest Lord Jesus

Jesus, I Need You

New Testament Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

Pastoral Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *John 3:16-21*

Sermon: God, the Judge of All

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: God the Judge of All