

## 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=ckfU42Dp3yE>

### 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](http://bedfordpca.org)

Potluck: February 18

Baby Shower for Eliza Woolley: February 24

Annual Meeting: Saturday March 2 at 3 p.m.

EAL Ministry begins March 6

### Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**—Thursdays 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 Sacraments.
- **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 to be effective
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end.
- Evangelism
- Adam, Anna, Gwyneth and Freya Bent—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](mailto: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

Thus says the Lord:

“Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool;  
what is the house that you would build for me,  
and what is the place of my rest?  
All these things my hand has made,  
and so all these things came to be,  
declares the Lord.

But this is the one to whom I will look:  
he who is humble and contrite in spirit  
and trembles at my word.

*Isaiah 66:1-2*

Do you think it a vain hope that one day man will find joy in noble deeds of light and mercy, rather than the coarse pleasures he indulges in today - gluttony, fornication, ostentation, boasting, and envious vying with his neighbor? I am certain this is not a vain hope, and that day will come soon.

*Fyodor Dostoyevsky, The Brothers Karamazov*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**Call to Worship** *from Psalm 37*

Minister: Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!

**People: For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.**

Minister: Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

**People: Delight yourself in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Minister: In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;  
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.

**People: But the meek shall inherit the land  
and delight themselves in abundant peace.**

**Hymn of Praise:** All Creatures of our God and King

**Old Testament Reading:** *Isaiah 61:1-4*

**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 46

### Confession of Sin

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

### 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:

Fairest Lord Jesus

How Great is our God

**New Testament Reading:** *1 Peter 1:22-25*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 5:1-12*

**Sermon: The Beatitudes**

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Closing Hymn:** Rejoice the Lord is King

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

## Sermon: The Beatitudes