

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=hYaxkbrSyQw>

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

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 Sacraments.
- **ISM^C 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
- Don Codling
- Evangelism
- Carol Boyce—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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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Isaiah 57:15

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees,
saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and
all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they
had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who
were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be
afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

Luke 5:8-10

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 147*

Minister: Praise the Lord!

**People: For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Minister: he Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**People: He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.**

Minister: He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

**People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

Minister: he Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

**People: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

Hymn of Praise: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 34:1-10*

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 23

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:

Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean
Goodness of God

New Testament Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

Pastoral Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12*

Sermon: Poor in Spirit

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Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Poor in Spirit