

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=eQzKdx9hXV0>

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

EAL Ministry continues March 13, 12:30-2 p.m.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers needed. Contact Laura Priddle.

Good Friday Service: March 29, 11 a.m.

Good Friday Breakfast: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**—On Romans, Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Nathan and Laura Priddle.
- **Adult Bible study**—On Leviticus, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, led by Reid Campbell.
- **Men's Bible study** meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on the Sacraments.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** on 1 Peter led by Laura Priddle 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
- Peter and Holly Bustin: family of the week

Officers of the Church

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

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

But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will get neither comfort nor truth, but only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.

C.S. Lewis

You don't have to be alone in your hurt! Comfort is yours. Joy is an option. And it has all been made possible by your Saviour. He went without comfort, so you might have it. He postponed joy so you might share in it. He willingly chose isolation, so you might never be alone in your hurt and sorrow.

Joni Eareckson Tada

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship from *1 Chronicles 16*

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

**People: Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Minister: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let them say among the nations, The LORD reigns!

**People: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!**

Minister :Then the trees of the forest will sing

**People: They will sing for joy before the LORD
for he comes to judge the earth.**

Hymn of Praise: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-8*

Call to Repentance *Luke 15:10*

I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Song of Reflection: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Confession of Sin

Everlasting Father, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. We confess that we have been foolish, and strayed from you and have wandered on our own way. We have not faithfully loved you, nor adequately cared for our neighbors. We have not had the same mind that was in Christ, or shared in his humility. Pour out, therefore, your grace upon us that we might enjoy purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing you, no weakness keep us from loving others; and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: *Acts 13:38-39*

"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin.

Song of Renewal:

Psalm 22

Majesty

Ministry Update: *English as another Language*

New Testament Reading: *2 Corinthians 1:3-7*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

Gospel Reading: *John 16:19-24*

Sermon: Blessed are those who Mourn

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Closing Hymn: In Christ Alone

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Blessed are Those Who Mourn