

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=BqpkzvoJl8w>

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 20, 12:30 to 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
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: David, Rebecca, Julianna, Winston and Elizabeth Campbell

Officers of the Church

Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

Deacons

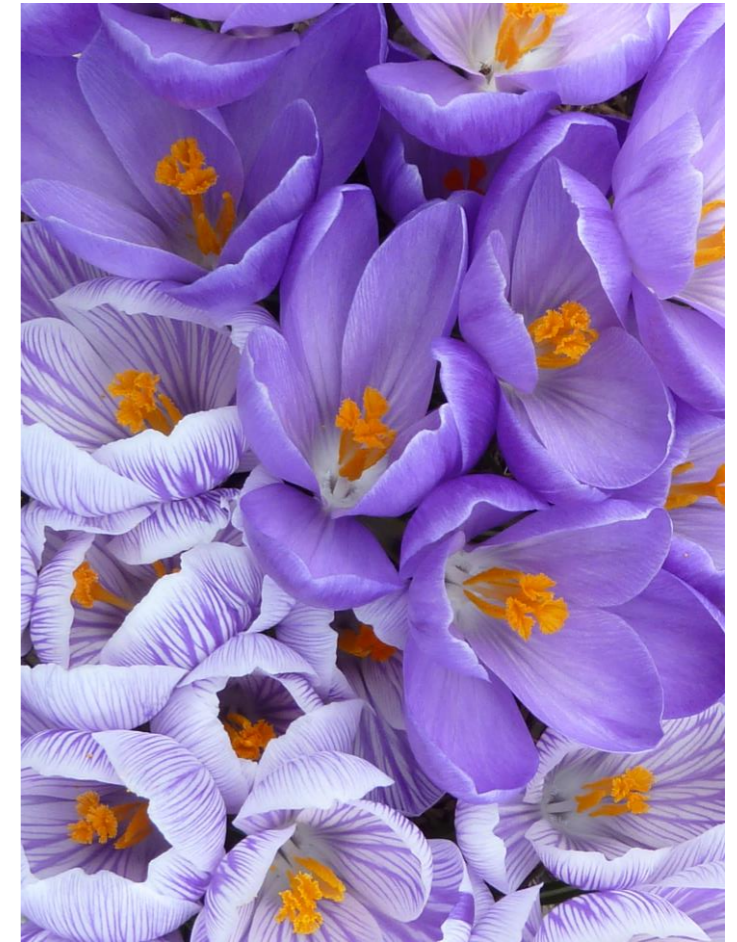
David Campbell

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.



Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Psalm 7:17

“God's revelation... unmasks our illusions about ourselves. It exposes our pride, our individualism, our self-centeredness - in short, our sin. But worship also offers forgiveness, healing, transformation, motivation, and courage to work in the world for God's justice and peace - in short, salvation in its largest sense.”

Marva J. Dawn, Reaching out without Dumbing Down

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 100*

Minister: Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Serve the LORD with gladness.

Come before him with joyful singing.

Minister: Know that the LORD himself is God; it is he who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Minister: For the LORD is good; his loving-kindness is everlasting,

People: and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn of Praise:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

Call to Repentance: *John 7:37-38*

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Song of Reflection: Psalm 145

Confession of Sin

O Lord you are the full of compassion and the God of all comfort, but too often we seek comfort in other things. We cling to our idols and our inordinate loves, like wealth or health or romance or lust or success. We sing their praises and strive for their approval and in the end we are left empty, clinging to that which does not give life. O Father, forgive our waywardness. Help us. Heal us. Lead us to the fountain of living water which gives us life. Teach us to cling to you because your love is better than life. Fill our hearts to sing to you the praises only you deserve. We ask all of this in the matchless name of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

Songs of Renewal: The Beatitudes
Cornerstone

New Testament Reading: *Romans 3:21-26*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:6; Luke 18:9-17*

Sermon: Hunger and Thirst

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Benediction

Ministry Update: ISMC

Dismissal

Sermon: Hunger and Thirst