

## 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=nOLD1u7i8Z0>

### 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)**

**EAL Ministry continues March 27 – 12:30-2 p.m.**

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers needed.**  
**Contact Laura Priddle.**

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

**Good Friday Breakfast: March 29, 9:30 a.m. -- 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**— Studying Leviticus, via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm., led by Reid Campbell.
- **Men's Bible study** meets 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 "God of Covenant" (Genesis 12-50), led by Laura Priddle, meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30. 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
- Reid and Eleanor Campbell—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.

*His  
Mercy  
endures  
forever*  
PSALM 136:1



## Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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## Reflections

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

*Ephesians 2:4-5*

"If you do not listen to theology that will not mean that you have no ideas about God. It will mean that you have a lot of wrong ones--bad, muddled, out-of-date ideas. For a great many of the ideas about God which are trotted out as novelties today, are simply the ones which real theologians tried centuries ago and rejected. To believe in the popular religion of modern England is retrogression--like believing the earth is flat."  
*CS Lewis, Mere Christianity*

"Every instance in which the mercy of God occurs to our remembrance, ought to be embraced by us as an occasion of ascribing glory to God."

*John Calvin*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

#### Call to Worship *Psalm 98*

Minister: Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;

**People: his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.**

Minister: The LORD has made his salvation known

**People: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Minister: He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**People: all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.**

**Hymn of Praise:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Old Testament Reading:** *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

**Call to Repentance:** *Psalm 103:8-10*

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**Song of Reflection:** Psalm 103

### Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### Silent Confession

**Declaration of Forgiveness** *Psalm 103:11-12*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### Song of Renewal:

Shout to the Lord

Goodness of God

**New Testament Reading:** *1 Peter 2:9-10*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Doxology**

**Offertory**

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 5:7; Luke 10:25-37*

**Sermon: Blessed are the Merciful**

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Closing Hymn:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

**Sermon: Blessed are the Merciful**