

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=WMUWVLFheco>

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.

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 April 10, 12:30-2 p.m.**
- **Pizza and Games: April 13, 5-7 p.m. RSVP Laura Priddle**
- **Vacation Bible School Volunteers needed. Contact Laura Priddle.**

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—acancer treatment to be effective
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end.
- Evangelism
- Aidan and Eileen De Boer: 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



Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the Life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

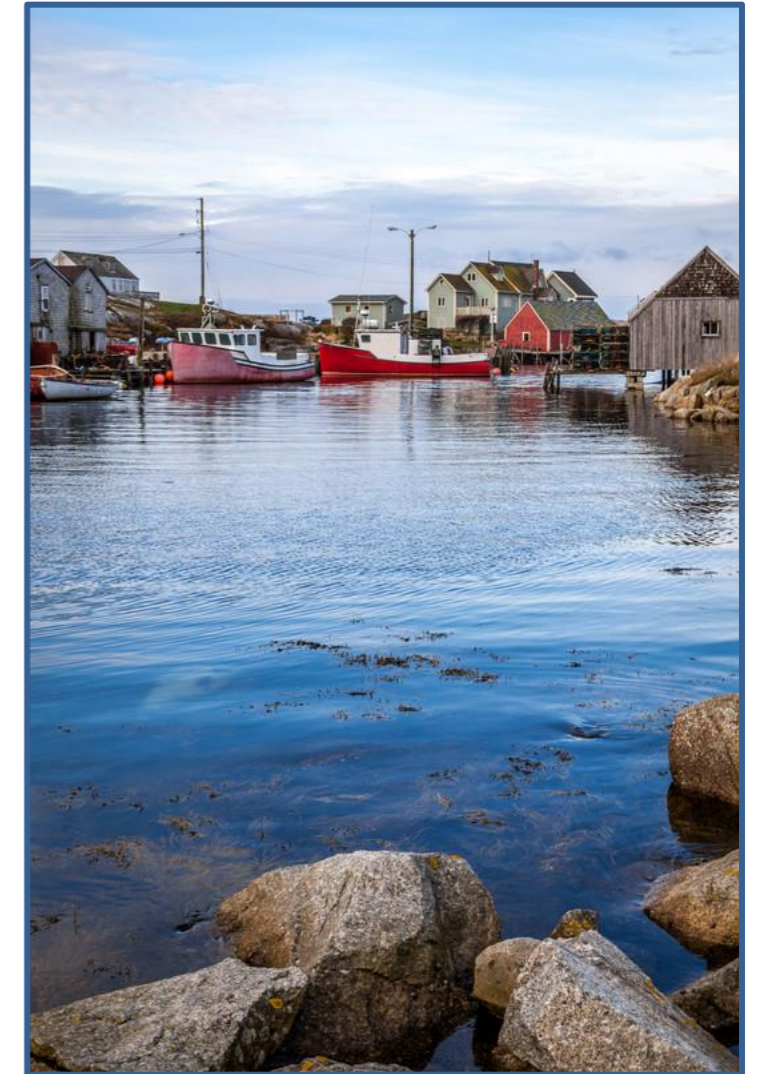
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let
“The resurrection shows that God has made the Crucified both Lord
and Christ. At the right hand of the Father Jesus rules until the day
that he will come to restore and renew all things. With the
resurrection of Jesus and his entrance into glory, a new age has
begun.”

Hebrews 10:21-22

“Cheerfulness means a contented spirit, a pure heart, a kind and
loving disposition; it means humility and ~ charity, a generous
appreciation of others, and a modest opinion of self.”

William Makepeace Thackeray

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 24*

Minister: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

**People: for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

Minister: He will receive blessing from the Lord

People: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Hymn of Praise: O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 36:22-28*

Call to Repentance: *1 John 1:9-10*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not
sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Hymn of Reflection: *Psalm 46*

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been
guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my
daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of
accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against
me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil
habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the
brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me
taking delight in you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness *1 John 2:1-2*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not
sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not
for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Song of Renewal:

Ten Thousand Reasons

Still

Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 1:13-25*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:8-10*

Sermon: Purity and Peace

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Professing our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: *To God be the Glory*

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Purity and Peace