

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=4qUYBpys900>

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

Mother's Day Luncheon: May 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at the church

EAL Ministry continues April 24 – 12:30-2pm

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, led by Reid Campbell via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Men's Bible study** meet on Thursday 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 morning 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
- Helen Lau: 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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Reflections

Still others had trials of mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered around in sheepskins and goatskins, while destitute, afflicted, and tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

Hebrews 11:36-38

Angels “are very smart people.” They’re like us, but they’ve been around a lot longer, so they know more. But they still long to look into the gospel.

Tim Keller

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship – *based on 1 Peter 1*

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **In his great mercy he has given us new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ**

Minister: "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like
the flowers of the field;

People: **The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of the Lord stands forever.**

All: **"And this is the word that is preached to us."**

* **Hymn of Praise:** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 66

Call to Repentance 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand
slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but
everyone to come to repentance.

Song 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 *Romans 8*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from
the law of sin and death.

Songs of Renewal:

Whom Shall I Fear

Christ is Enough for Me

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-12

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:10-12

Sermon: Blessed Persecution

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Benediction

Dismissal

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