

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://youtube.com/live/5BwDANxsUyw?feature=share>

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

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

EAL Ministry continues May 8 – 12:30-2 p.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, 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. at the Radfords' home, studying 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
- Graham and Abi McGuire and kids: 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

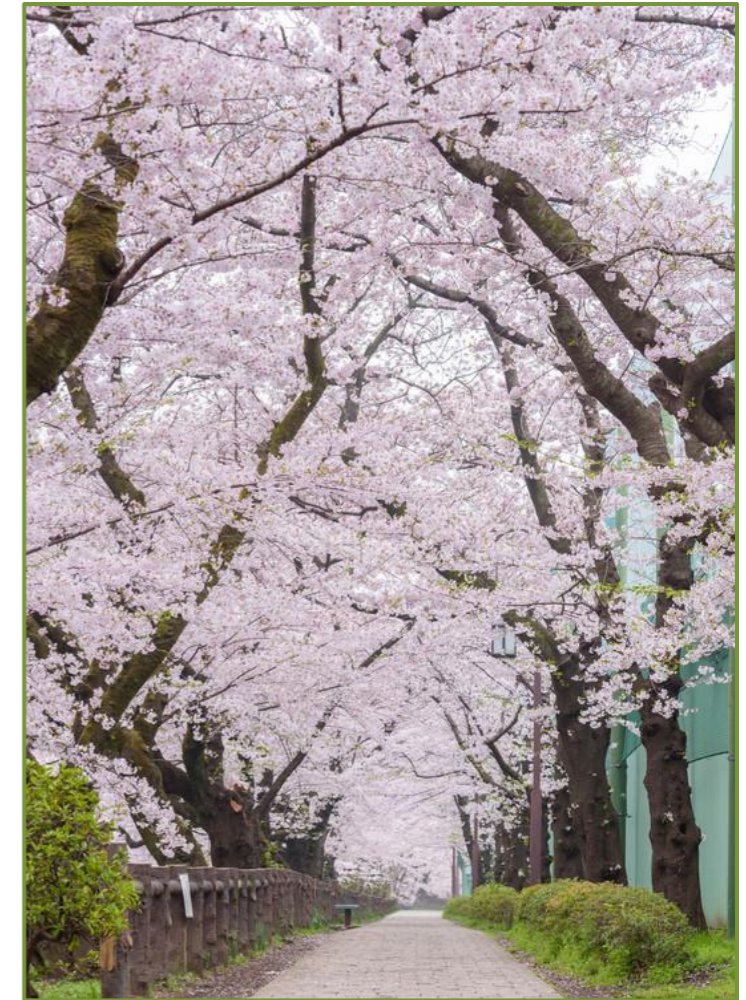
David Campbell

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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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:3-5

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 100*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Minister: Know that the Lord, he is God.

People: It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

* **Hymn of Praise:** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 42:5-9*

Call to Repentance: *1 John 1:5-10*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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 145

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, or 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 *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. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Songs of Renewal:

O Praise the Name

Shine Jesus, Shine

New Testament Reading: *Acts 13:44-49*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:14-16*

Sermon: The Light of the World

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Professing our Faith: *Heidelberg Q#1*

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: In Christ Alone

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: The Light of the World