

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=f1RDURI23oM>

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

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 summer break
- **Men's Bible study** meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Radfords' home – on summer break
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** led by Laura Priddle—on summer break

Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- Kevin Burrell: cancer treatment to be effective
- For Dan Radford – cancer treatment
- Emily Walker – broken leg to heal.
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Rick Reynolds

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

Cain challenged God, asking, “Am I my brother’s keeper” (Gen. 4). What was he showing about his family relationships?

Jesus said: “I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.” Matt. 10:37ff. How should our tie to the family of God compare to our tie to our blood family? Is that a reality in your heart and action?

What can you do to help Christian newcomers to see & merge into our church family?

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?

And what communion has light with darkness?

And what accord has Christ with Belial?

For you are the temple of the living God.

As God has said:

“I will dwell in them and walk among them.

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Therefore

“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.

Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.

I will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the LORD almighty.”

***Hymn of Praise:** Tis So Sweet

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 133

Call to Repentance: Jeremiah 3:20-22

“‘Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, So have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel,’ says the LORD. A voice was heard on the desolate heights, Weeping and supplications of the children of Israel. For they have perverted their way; They have forgotten the LORD their God.’Return, you backsliding children, And I will heal your backslidings.”

Song of Reflection Blessed Be The Tie That Binds

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful Father, you have called us all to be your people and have made us one body, one family. Yet we have not lived as though we are one. We have not grieved as we should at the suffering of your people in distant places. We have not stood up boldly for Christian brothers & sisters under attack in our own land. We have not loved one another as we ought. We have put our own interests first. Selfishness and conceit have gripped us. We have failed to look out for, associate with, and care for each other, even those who are not too different from ourselves. We have not treated one another as those in whom Christ dwells. Forgive us for our offences against you, and subdue everything in us that is contrary to your purposes. By the power of your Spirit, make us a community that shows your acceptance, your kindness, your love.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Psalm 130:3-4

If you, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be feared

Songs of Renewal:

Psalm 103

Holy, Holy, Holy

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:10-31; Ephesians 4:1-3

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

***Doxology**

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-23

Sermon: Church – family of God

Rev. Don Codling

Closing Hymn: Hallelujah For The Cross

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon

Church – family of God

Doctrine to be lived 16

Family belonging to God

God’s family by his choice

God’s family by adoption

God’s family by new birth

God’s family by commitment

God’s family ... therefore God’s heirs

One family in Christ

All born of one father

All united to one Lord & elder brother

All baptized in one Spirit

All joined to one another in Christ

All called to unity

Family calls you to love other Christians

Delight in one another

Give practical compassion

Live in faithful tolerance