

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/r_bc64S3RAo?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

Sermon discussion after worship - downstairs

Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**—on summer break
- **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**—on summer break
- **Summer Bible study beginning July 17**

Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- Kevin Burrell
- For Dan Radford: praise for healing
- Emily Walker: praise for healing
- 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.

COMMUNION PRAYERS

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

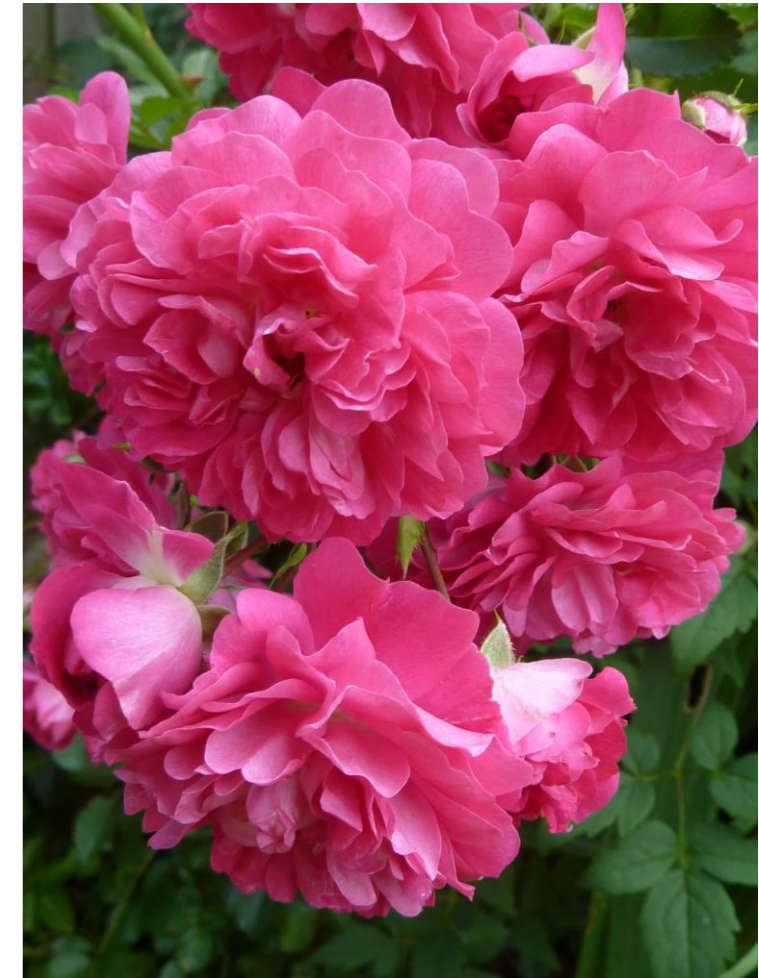
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the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

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me.

C.S. Lewis

"Be not forgetful of prayer. Every time you pray, if your prayer is sincere, there will be new feeling and new meaning in it, which will give you fresh courage, and you will understand that prayer is an education."

.Fyodor Dostoevsky, The Brothers Karamazov

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.

**People: It is He who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the LORD is good and his love
endures forever; his faithfulness
continues through all generations.**

***Hymn of Praise:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31

Call to Repentance: Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

Song of Reflection: Psalm 23

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly fixated on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus

Silent Confession

***Declaration of Forgiveness** Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Renewal:

Never Let Go

From the Inside Out

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1-18

Sermon: Who are you in secret?

Pastor Bill Radford

Professing our Faith The Apostles' Creed

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: Blessed Assurance

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Who are you in secret?