

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/72qF7UdGMRc?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

- **Summer Bible study Wednesday August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.**
- **College and Career study**—on summer break
- **Adult Bible study**—on summer break
- **Men's Bible study**—on summer break
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study**—on summer break

Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- Kevin Burrell
- Emily Walker—praise for healing
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Glenn and Ann Wadden

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

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

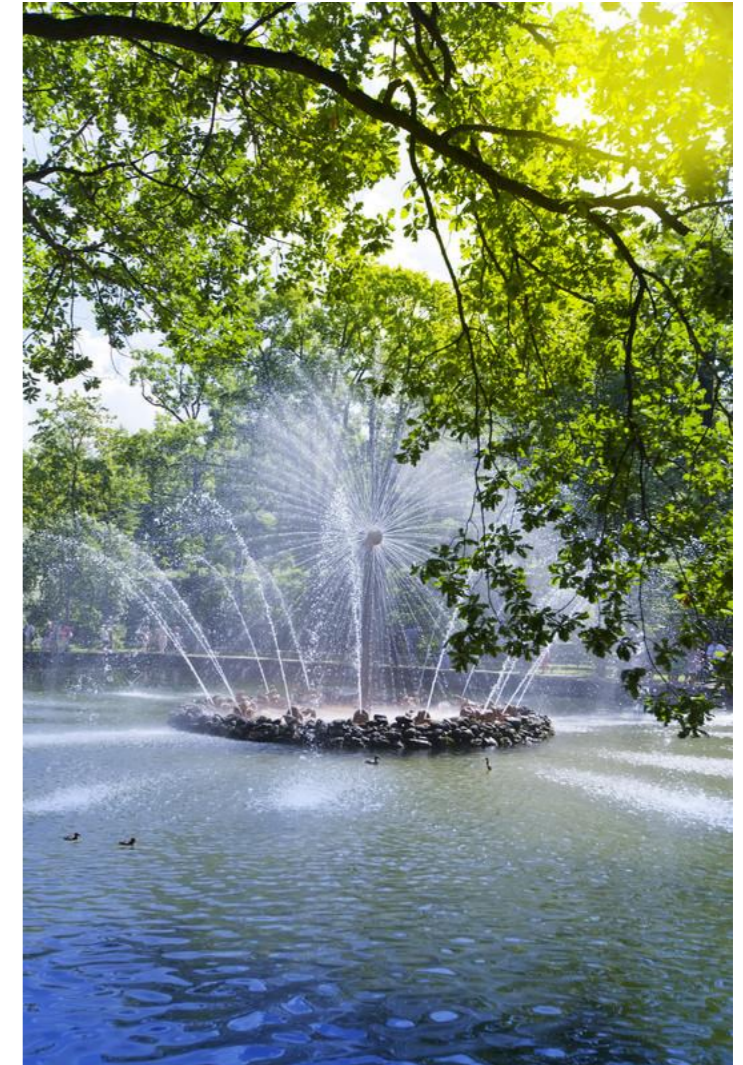
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the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

"Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
Isaiah 55:6-7

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the
greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.
Augustine of Hippo

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold of His
willingness."

Charles Spurgeon

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *1 Chronicles 16:8-12*

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Minister: Glory in his holy name;

People: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Minister: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

**People: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,**

***Hymn of Praise:** Crown Him with Many Crowns

Old Testament Reading: *Psalms 105:1-6*

Call to Repentance: *2 Chronicles 7:14-15*

if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and
pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will
hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now
my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made
in this place.

Song of Reflection: Psalm 16

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: Colossians 1:13-14

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ
Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus
from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the
law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in
the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in
order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in
us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Songs of Renewal:

Come as You Are
Goodness of God

New Testament Reading: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 7:7-11*

Sermon: Trusting God with Your Life

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Professing our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Trusting God with Your Life