

## 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/8or47f7YFeA?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](http://bedfordpca.org)

Sermon discussion after worship—downstairs

### Bible Studies

- Summer Bible study Wednesday August 14 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
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Rob and Emily Walker

## 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

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## Reflections

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

*John 10:7-9; 27-30*

We need to remember that we are saved by grace when we fail. But we need to remember it much more when we succeed

*Timothy Keller*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Invocation

### Call to Worship *from Psalm 85*

Minister: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

**People: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**

Minister: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**People: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.  
Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Minister: Yes, the Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**People: Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.**

\*Hymn of Praise: How Great is our God

Old Testament Reading: *Leviticus 19:9-17*

## Call to Repentance: *1 John 1:9-10*

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.

**Song of Reflection:** Teach me O Lord, Thy Holy Way

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

## Songs of Renewal:

Psalm 46

What a Beautiful Name

### New Testament Reading: *Romans 13:8-14*

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

\*Doxology

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 7:12-14*

## Sermon: A Golden Rule and a Narrow Gate

*Pastor Bill Radford*

Closing Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Benediction

Dismissal

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