

## 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/s\\_8kEx\\_mFel?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/s_8kEx_mFel?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 21 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
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- family of the week: Edward, Eliza and Josiah Woolley

## 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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HE COUNTS THE  
**Stars**  
AND  
CALLS THEM  
**ALL BY NAME**  
PSALM 147:4



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## Bedford Presbyterian Church

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## Reflections

And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

*Matthew 24:11-14*

One of the greatest distinguishing marks of false prophet is that he will always tell you what you want to hear, he will never rain on your parade; he will get you clapping, he will get you jumping, he will make you dizzy, he will keep you entertained, and he will present a Christianity to you that will make your church look like an amusement park.

*Paul Washer*

"There are ministers who never speak of repentance or self-denial. Naturally they are popular, but they are false prophets"

*J.I. Packer*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**Call to Worship** *from Psalm 66*

Minister: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: Sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!**

Minister: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies come  
cringing to you.

**People: All the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name." Selah**

Minister: Come and see what God has done:

**People: He is awesome in his deeds towards the children of man**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Old Testament Reading:** *Deuteronomy 13:1-3*

**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:** Psalm 2

### Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, rebellious sinners. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who repent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Jesus Christ our King. 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:

Cornerstone

Christ is Enough

**New Testament Reading:** *2 Peter 2:1-3*

### Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Doxology**

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 7:15-20*

Sermon: Beware of False Prophets

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Closing Hymn:** Rejoice the Lord is King

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

## Sermon: Beware of False Prophets