

## 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/ehzyNTpeL9Y?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

- **College and Career study**—starting soon
- **Adult Bible study**—on summer break
- **Men's Bible study**—starting soon
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study**—starting soon

### Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- new School Year
- Marian Stout family
- Kevin Burrell
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- family of the week: Carolyn Allen

## Officers of the Church

### Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

### Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

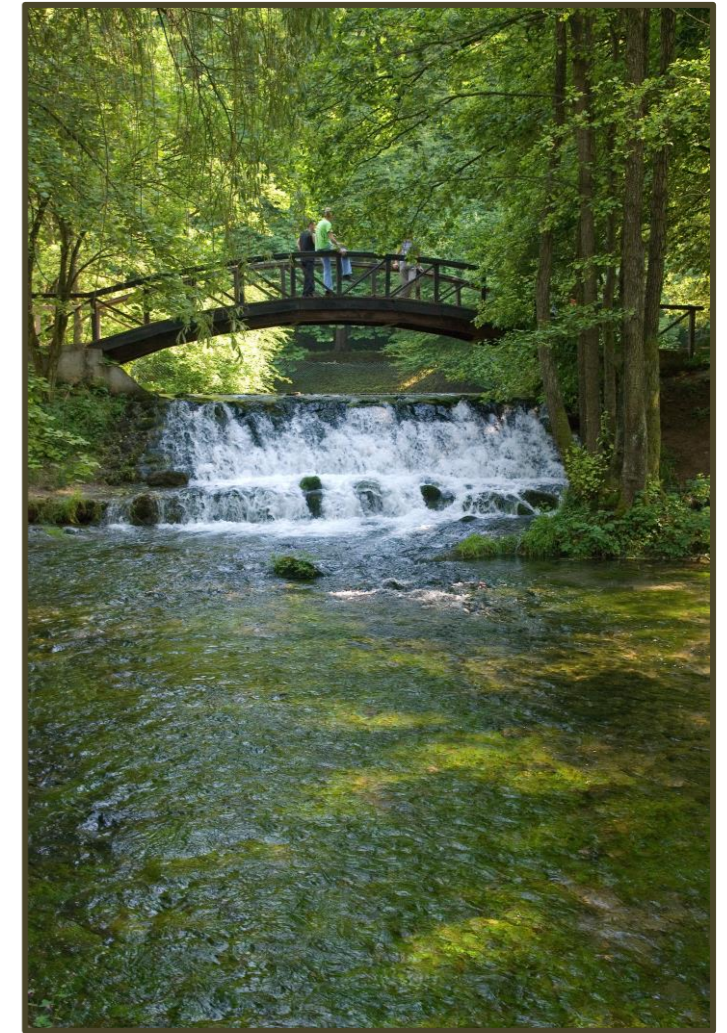
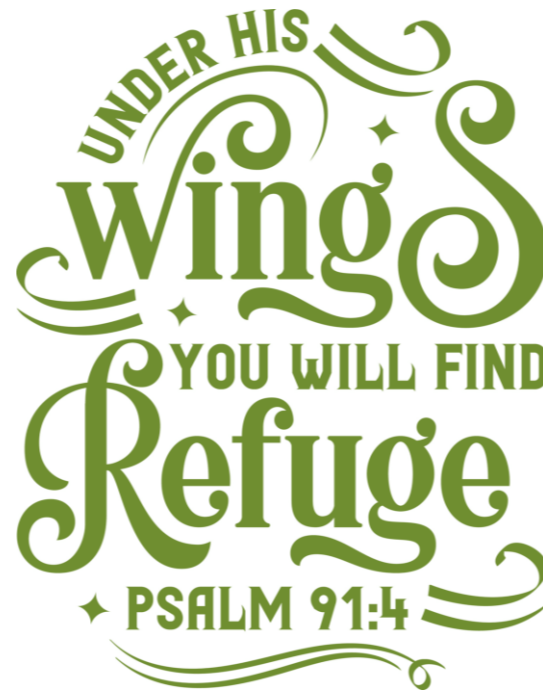
### Deacons

David Campbell

Honza Pokorny

Edward Woolley

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## Reflections

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

“And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.”

*C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

#### Call to Worship *from Psalm 118*

Minister: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

Minister: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.**

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Hymn of Praise: A Mighty Fortress is our God

**Old Testament Reading:** *Jeremiah 24:4-7*

**Call to Repentance:** *Psalm 103:8-10*

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**Song of Reflection:** Psalm 22

### 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** *Psalm 103:11-13*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

### Songs of Renewal:

Come as You Are  
Cornerstone

**New Testament Reading:** *1 Corinthians 3:10-15*

### Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

\*Doxology

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 4:35-41*

**Sermon: Wise or Foolish Builders**

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Professing our Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed*

The Lord's Supper

**Closing Hymn:** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Benediction

Dismissal

## Sermon: Wise and Foolish Builders