

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/ic3Y6nmin5M?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

We will have a potluck after worship TODAY!

The EAL conversation group meets Wednesdays at 1 pm in the church.

Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**—starting soon
- **Adult Bible study**—on Hebrews Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom—next meeting October 9.
- **Men's Bible study**—starting soon
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** on Revelation on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Laura Priddle's home

Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Nathan Priddle recovering from an ulcer
- 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: Tarcisio and Erika Braga

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



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Reflections

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 5:20-21

Our present culture, however, specializes in inflaming endless lust for possessions with advertisements that constantly convince us that we need more (particularly to create the ease we have never found). The marketers don't tell us much about their products, but they spend a great deal of energy (and enormous amounts of money) appealing to our fears and dreams. Thus, the idolatry of possessions plays to the deeper idolatry of our selves and in an endlessly consuming society, persons are always remaking themselves with new belongings.

Marva Dawn

Fame, power, and gold, are loved for their own sakes—are worshipped with a blind, habitual idolatry.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God!

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

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

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

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

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 1

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. O Lord, have mercy upon us, sinful offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; 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 His name. Amen

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness *Romans 8:1-2*

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.

Songs of Renewal:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
O Praise the Name

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:25-30*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

New Testament Reading: *Acts 17:16-34*

Sermon: The Unknown God

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace

Benediction

Dismissal

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