

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/aRYsTLnsOCY?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

EAL Conversation Group: Wednesday, October 9 at 1 p.m. at the church

Bible Studies

- **College and Career study**— starting soon
- **Adult Bible study**—on Hebrews Wednesday evening at 7:30 via Zoom..
- **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 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's family mourning
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Peter and Holly Bustin

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

At church: There is a plate for offerings on the back table.

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

Jesus Christ is to me the outstanding personality of all time, all history, both as Son of God and as Son of Man. Everything he ever said or did has value for us today and that is something you can say of no other man, dead or alive. There is no easy middle ground to stroll upon. You either accept Jesus or reject him.

Sholem Asch

If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.

Robert M. McCheyne

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *Psalm 36:5-9*

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.**

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**People: The children of mankind take refuge in
the shadow of your wings.**

Minister: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.**

Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Call to Repentance: Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

Songs of Reflection: Be Thou My Vision

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. We confess that against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance deep into our hearts that we might be broken and contrite. Through the work of Christ, deliver us from our guilt, purge us of our sin, and wash us that we might be clean. Renew a right spirit within us, O gracious Lord, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Renewal: Psalm 46

Whom Shall I Fear

New Testament Reading: Revelation 19:6-9

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Sermon: The First Sign

Professing our Faith: The Nicene Creed

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: There is a Redeemer

Benediction

Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The First Sign