

## 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/tS58LR3RMYA?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)

**EAL Conversation Group: Wednesday, October 23, at 1 p.m. at the church**

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**—on Hebrews Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, led by Reid Campbell
- **Men's Bible study**—Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Radford's home
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** on Revelation on Wednesday 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's family mourning
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: David and Rebecca Campbell and children

## Officers of the Church

### Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor  
Peter Bustin  
Reid Campbell  
Will Perrie  
Glenn Wadden

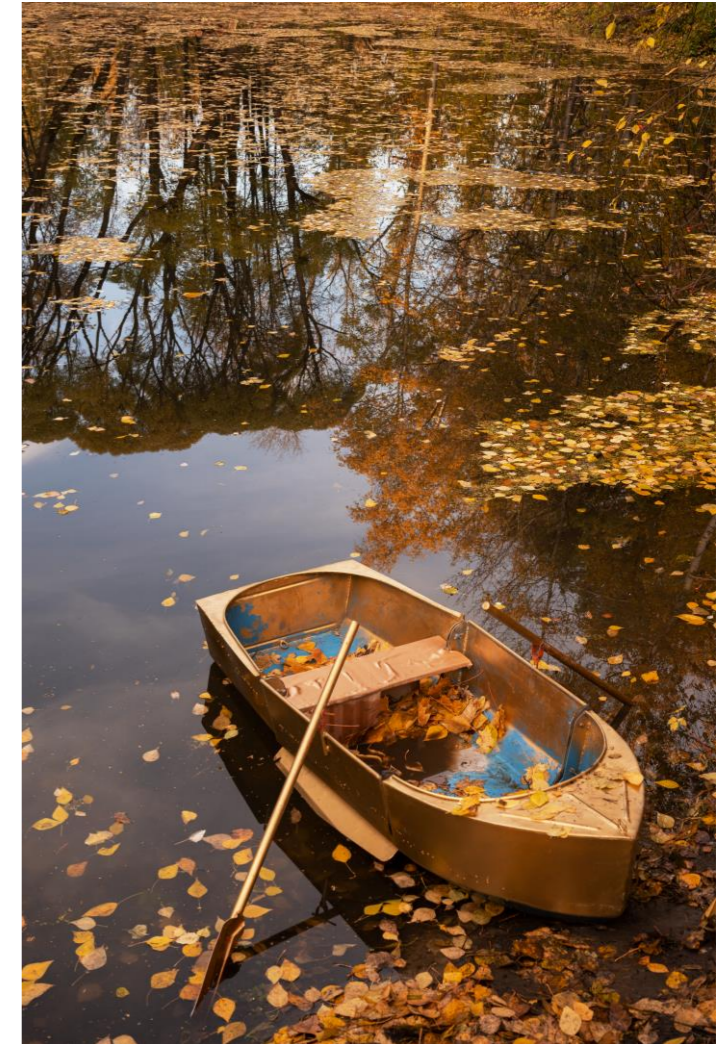
### Pastor Emeritus

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](mailto:bedfordpca@gmail.com)



## Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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## Reflections

The kingdom of the morning star  
Can pierce a cold and stony heart  
It's grace went through me like a sword  
And came out like a song  
Now I'm just waiting for the day  
In the shadows of the dawn  
But I won't wait, resting my bones  
I'll take these foolishness roads of grace  
And run toward the dawn  
And when I rise and dawn turns to day  
I'll shine as bright as the sun  
And these roads that I've run, will be wise  
*Shadows of the Dawn, The Gray Havens*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**Call to Worship** *from Psalm 111*

Minister: Praise the Lord!

People: **I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Minister: Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.

People: **Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

Minister: He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

People: **Holy and awesome is his name!**

**Hymn:** In Christ Alone

**Old Testament Reading:** Numbers 21:4-9

**Call to Repentance:** *James 5:19-20*

Brothers, if any one of you strays from the truth and someone corrects him, let him know that he who converts the sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Song of Reflection:** Psalm 103

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and to humbly confess to you our unbelief. While we know and believe  
that Jesus died for us on the cross, and that he was raised for us from  
the dead, we admit it often makes too little difference in our lives.  
Forgive us, we pray. Enable us to fully embrace the truth of the gospel:  
that our love for you may flourish, that our obedience may be  
wholehearted and joyful, and that our witness may be more  
courageous. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior,  
and triumphant Lord. Amen.

## Silent Confession

**Declaration of Forgiveness:** *Romans 8:1-2*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ  
Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the  
Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free  
from the law of sin and death.

## Songs of Renewal:

Good, Good Father

Christ is Enough

**New Testament Reading:** 1 John 4:7-12

## Prayers of the People

**Lord's Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Gospel Reading:** John 3:1-17

## Sermon: Jesus and Nicodemus

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**Closing Hymn:** To God be the Glory

## 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!**

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