

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/1rYmj4hemcM?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

Sermon discussion following worship

English Conversation Group meets Wednesday, November 6, at 1 p.m. in the church.

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**—on Hebrews led by Reid Campbell Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Men's Bible study**—on 1 Peter at 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the home of Nathan Priddle
- **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's family mourning
- persecuted Christians throughout the world Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Aiden and Eileen DeBoer

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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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

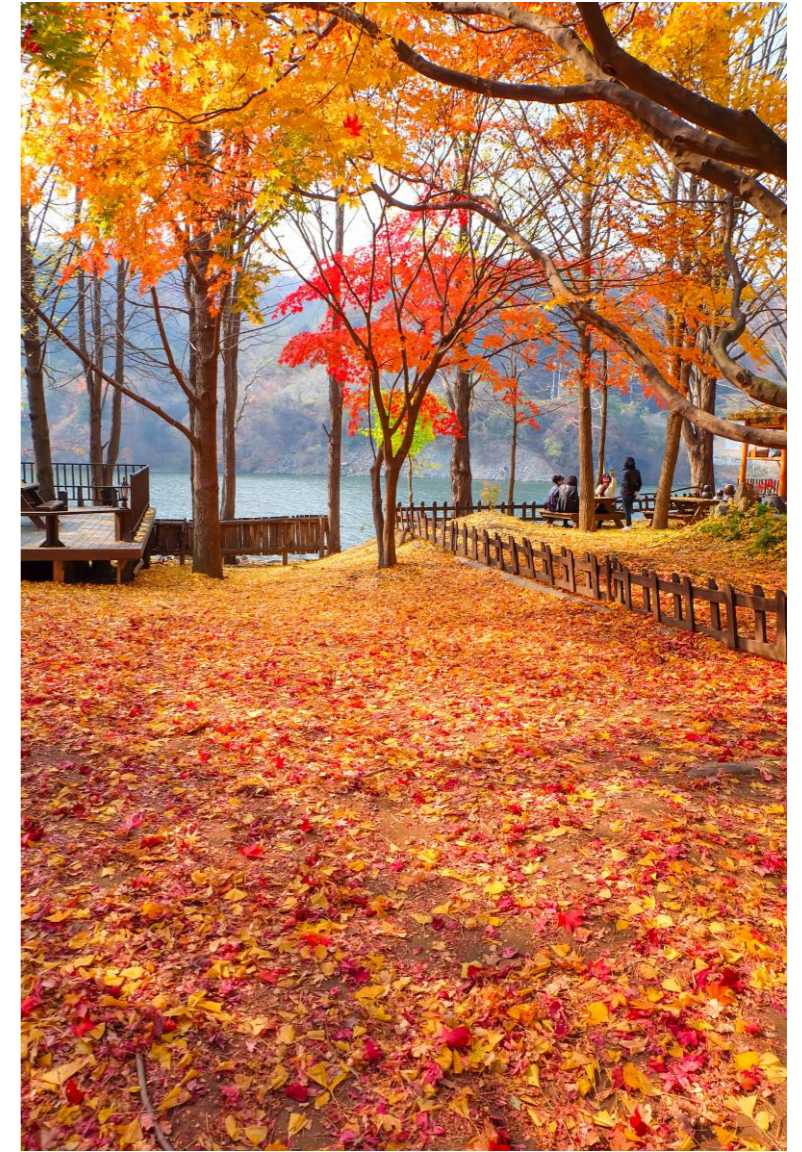
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the 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

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2

So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!"

Martin Luther

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 100*

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.

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

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the LORD is good and his love
endures forever; his faithfulness
continues through all generations.**

Hymn of Praise: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

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.

Songs of Reflection: Psalm 2

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly fixated on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus

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:

Holy Forever
Cornerstone

New Testament Reading: *Philippians 2:1-11*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *John 5:1-18*

Sermon: Do You Want to Be Healed?

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Professing our Faith: Heidelberg Q#1

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!

Sermon: Do You Want to Be Healed?