

## 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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5IDHqIEkiM>

### 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 following worship

Prayer before worship: 9:45

English Conversation Group meets 1 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, at the church.

November 24 - Potluck lunch after worship

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**—on Hebrews led by Reid Campbell Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Men's Bible study**—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 Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at Laura Priddle's home

### Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Carolyn Allen recovering from acidosis
- Nathan Priddle recovering from an ulcer
- Helen Lau undergoing radiation for cancer
- 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: Peter Jiao

## Officers of the Church

### Elders

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

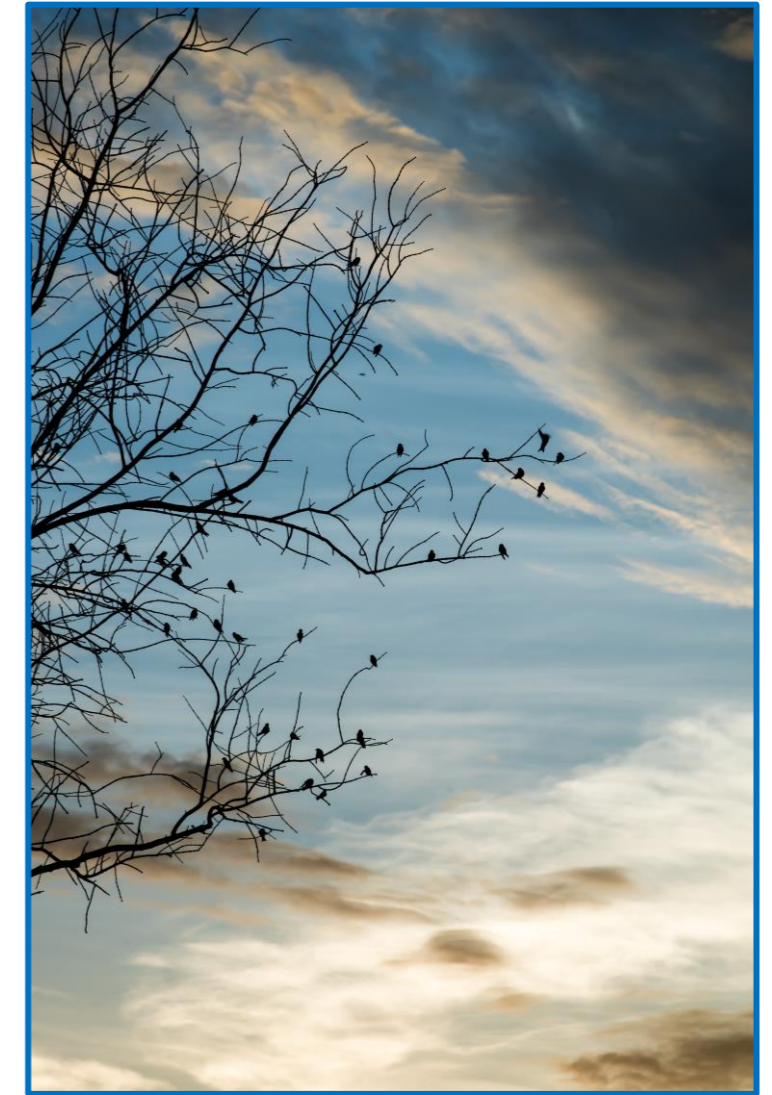
### Pastor Emeritus

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

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## Reflections

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

*Psalm 36:7-9*

“The soul’s deepest thirst is for God Himself, who has made us so that we can never be satisfied without Him.”

*F.F. Bruce*

This is the most important thing to know about yourself. You were made to live on God. You have a soul, a spirit. There is a you that is more than a body. And that you, if it does not drink from the greatness and wisdom and power and goodness and justice and holiness and love of God, will die of thirst.

*John Piper*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**Call to Worship** *from Isaiah 12*

Minister: “Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**People: for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”**

Minister: With joy you will draw water from the wells of  
And you will say in that day

**People: “Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Minister: “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

**People: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

**Hymn of Praise:** Worship Christ, the Risen King

**Old Testament Reading:** *Joel 2:28-32*

**Call to Repentance:** *1 John 1:8-10*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Songs of Reflection:** There is a Redeemer

### Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Have mercy upon us. Restore us, O Lord, by your great mercy, and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.

### Silent Confession

**Declaration of Forgiveness:** *1 John 2:*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### Songs of Renewal:

Psalm 63

Amazing Love

**New Testament Reading:** *Galations 5:22-26*

### Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

**Gospel Reading:** *John 7:25-39*

### Sermon: If Anyone is Thirsty

Pastor Bill Radford

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

### 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: If Anyone is Thirsty