

## 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=NVEkFzdYzHs>

### 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)

Prayer before worship: 9:45

Today: Potluck lunch after worship

English Conversation Group: November 27—end of fall session celebration lunch.

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— on Hebrews led by Reid Campbell Wednesday evening at 7:30 via Zoom.
- **Men's Bible study**— 7:15 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 at Laura Priddle's home

### Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Carolyn Allen recovering from illness
- 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: Sirjii and Viktoria Kalenchenko and kids

## Officers of the Church

### Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

### Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

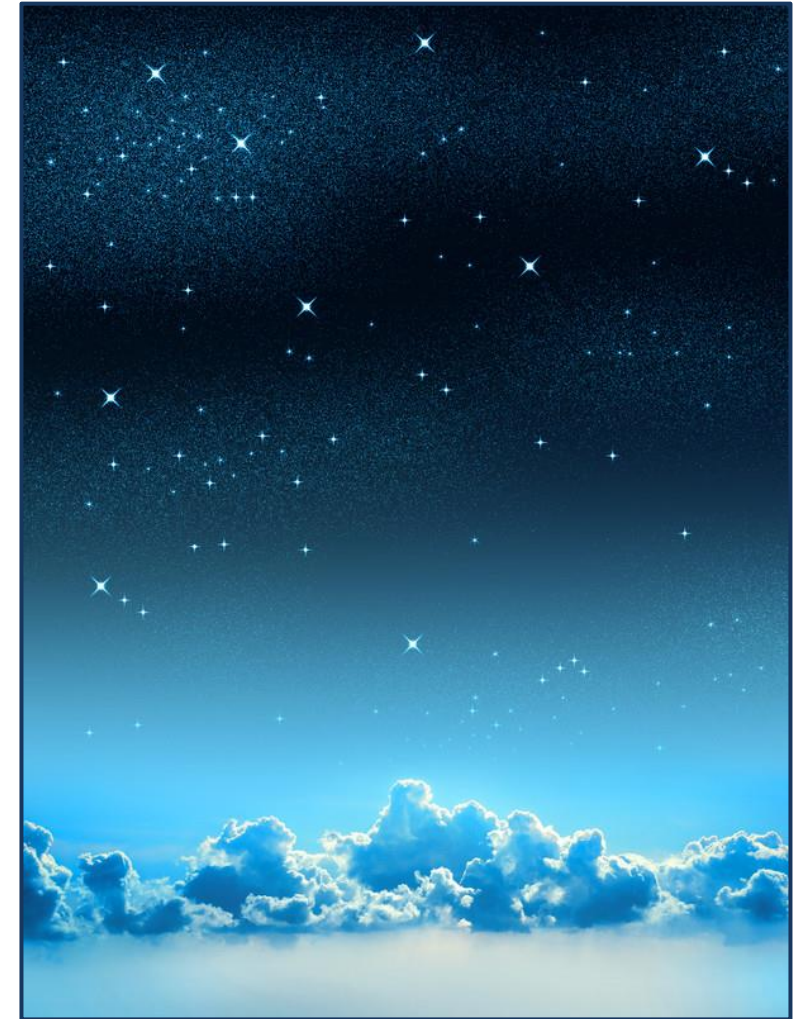
### Deacons

David Campbell

Honza Pokorny

Edward Woolley

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## Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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## Reflections

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

*John 14:6-7*

"There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true."

*Soren Kierkegaard*

"Above all, don't lie to yourself. The man who lies to himself and listens to his own lie comes to a point that he cannot distinguish the truth within him, or around him, and so loses all respect for himself and for others. And having no respect he ceases to love."

*Fyodor Dostoevsky, The Brothers Karamazov*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**Call to Worship** *from Psalm 145*

Minister: I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Minister: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Minister: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**People: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

**They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant**

**Goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

**Hymn of Praise:** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Old Testament Reading:** *Isaiah 61:1-3*

**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:** Psalm 16

### Confession of Sin

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. In your mercy and grace turn us from our sin and make us light in a spiritually dark 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:

Amazing Grace

Hosanna

**New Testament Reading:** *Philippians 2:1-7*

### Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

**Gospel Reading:** *John 8:31-38*

**Sermon: The Truth will Set You Free**

Pastor Bill Radford

**Closing Hymn:** And Can it Be

### 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 Truth Will Set You Free