

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=oPph27uUJf4>

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

Prayer before worship: 9:45 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service: 5 p.m., December 24, 2024

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— on break until January
- **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 at Laura Priddle's home. December 11 will include a brunch and mark the end of the study until it resumes in the new year.

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
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- family of the week: Rena McCulloch

Officers of the Church

Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

Deacons

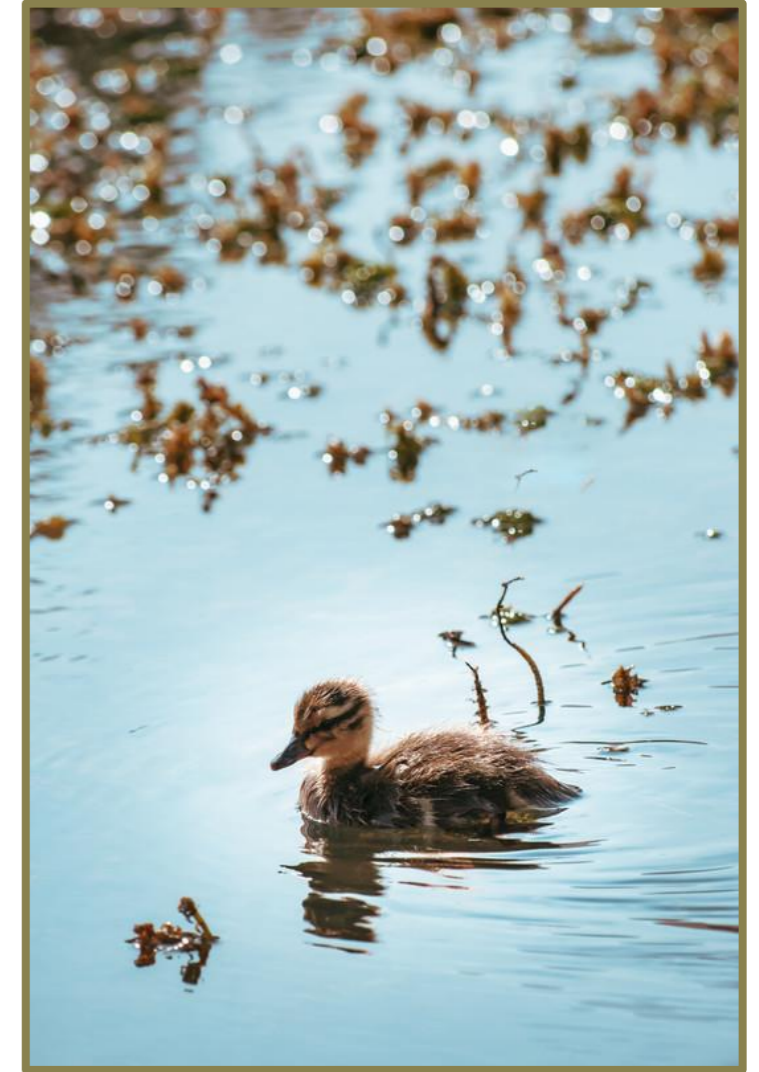
David Campbell

Honza Pokorny

Edward Woolley

Electronic giving: You can give electronically by sending an Interac e-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

*but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 19:14*



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Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

John Newton

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 100*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

**People: Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People: For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Hymn of Praise: Joy to the World

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 42:5-9*

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: What Child is This

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we long to recapture the wonder of the birth of Jesus Christ. You showed the world your splendor in the coming of your Son, the mystery of God becoming man. Yet, our sins have made us cold. Instead of peaceful, our hearts are anxious; instead of joyful, irritable; instead of filled with surprise, bland; instead of anticipatory, fearful. In our sophistication, we have become impoverished. Have mercy on us, O God. Renew us by your grace and mercy. Deliver us from everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us and prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, God with us. 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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Songs of Renewal:

Psalm 139b

Here I am to Worship

Covenant Baptism: Felicity Dawn Campbell

New Testament Reading: *John 9:1-23*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *John 9:24-41*

Sermon: Jesus Heals the Blind Man

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Closing Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

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: Jesus Heals the Blind Man