

## 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=f7sAFDua8KQ>

### 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

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study:** on break until January
- **Men's Bible study:** 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays at the home of Nathan Priddle. Next meeting is January 15.
- **ISMC study groups** are meetings: contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Laura Priddle on the book of Acts. Meets next on January 15.

**English Conversation Group:** Sessions start at the church at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

### Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Helen Lau undergoing radiation for cancer
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- Kevin Burrell's family mourning his passing
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Bill, Tracy and Sam Radford

## 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)

### 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

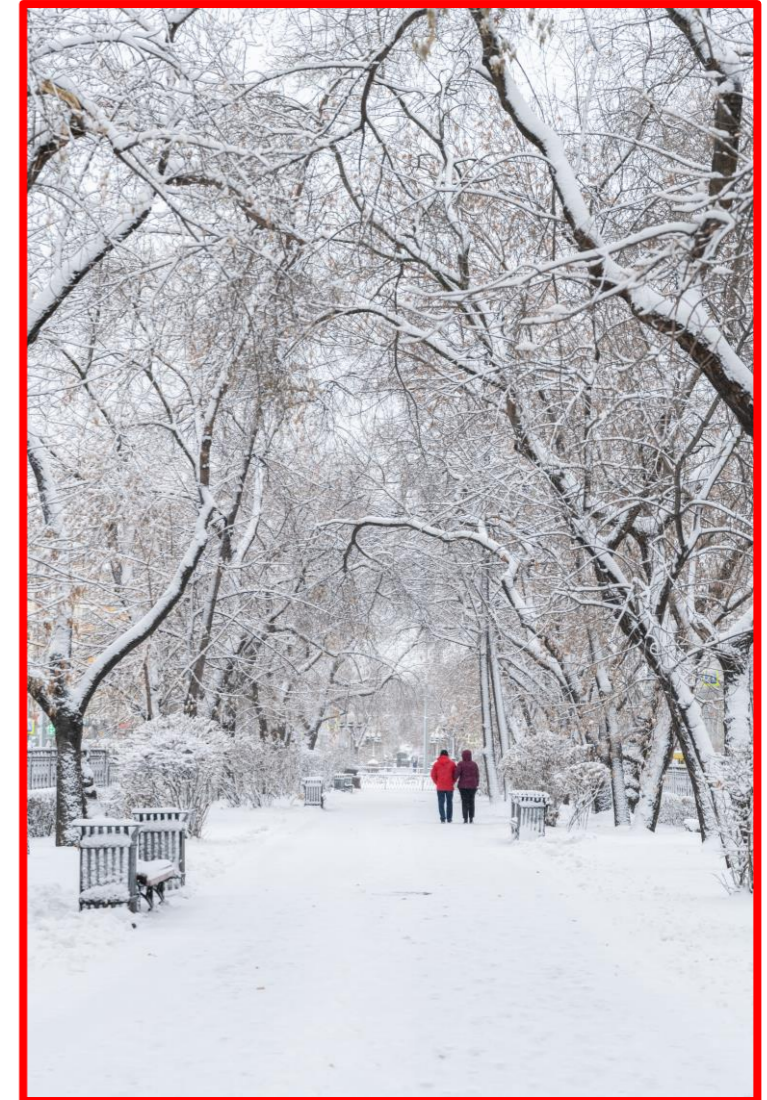
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the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



## Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

January 5, 2025

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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*

Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him, everything else thrown in.

*C.S. Lewis—Miracles*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Invocation

### Call to Worship

Minister: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth,  
sing praise to the Lord,

**People: To him who rides the ancient skies above,  
who thunders with mighty voice.**

Minister: Proclaim the power of God,  
whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the skies.

**People: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary;  
the God of Israel gives power and strength to  
His people. Praise be to God!**

**Hymn of Praise:** Immortal Invisible

**Old Testament Reading:** *Ezekiel 37:11-14*

**Call to Repentance:** Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord,  
"Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow;  
Though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.

**Song of Reflection:** Grace to Grace

## 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, so 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** Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### Song of Renewal:

Psalm 103

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

**New Testament Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:12-22*

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

\*Doxology

Offertory

**Gospel Reading:** *John 11:17-37*

## Sermon: The Resurrection and the Life

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Professing our Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

### The Lord's Supper

**Closing Hymn:** Rejoice the Lord is King

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

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