

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=UyKuwQ13ARg>

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 website: bedfordpca.org

Prayer before worship: 9:45

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**—7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays via Zoom. Studying Jeremiah and led by Reid Campbell
- **Men's Bible study**—7:15 pm.m. Wednesdays at the home of Nathan Priddle. Next meeting is January 15.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—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 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
- those affected by the fires in California
- Helen Lau undergoing radiation for cancer
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Maria Ramsey

Officers of the Church

Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

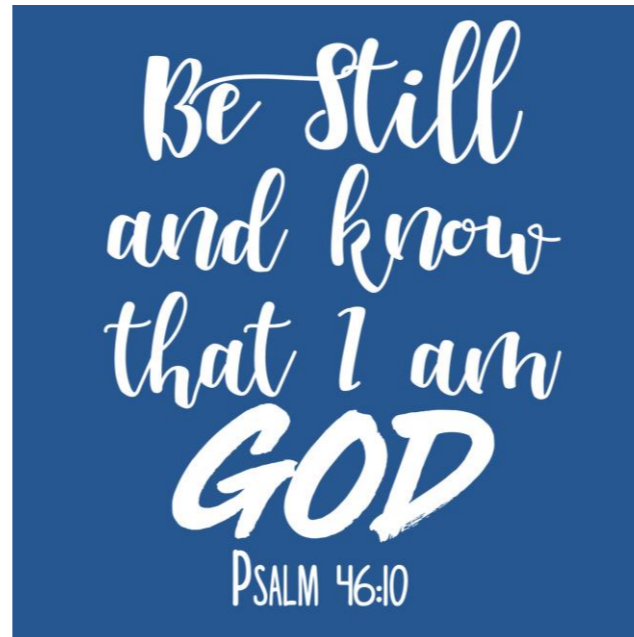
Deacons

David Campbell

Honza Pokorny

Edward Woolley

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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Jesus to Martha, John 11:25-26

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said. If he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.

Timothy Keller

The evidence for Jesus' resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live.

Wolfhart Pannenberg

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

* **Call to Worship** *from Psalm 103*

Minister: Praise the Lord , O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**People: Praise the Lord , O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits-**

Minister: who forgives all your sins and heals all our diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you
with love and compassion,

**People: who satisfies our desires with good things
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Minister: The Lord works righteousness and justice
for all the oppressed.

**People: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

Hymn of Praise: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Call to Repentance Mark 1:15

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

Song of Reflection: Psalm 16

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 neighbors, 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 Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Songs of Renewal: Be Still My Soul

Lord I Need You

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

Gospel Reading: John 11:17-44

Sermon: Jesus Raises Lazarus

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: There is a Redeemer

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Jesus Raises Lazarus