

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=flmsvD-c7Ck>

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

English Conversation Group: March 5, 2025

March 9: Potluck Lunch Following Worship

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— 7:30 p.m. on Jeremiah meeting on Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell.
- **Men's Bible study**— 7:15 p.m. on Galatians, Wednesdays at the home of Nathan Priddle.
- **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.

Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- those affected by the fires in California
- 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: Diana Weaver

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

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.



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me. I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.

Jeremiah 32:40-41

I am more afraid of my own heart than of the pope and all his cardinals. I have within me the great pope, Self.

Martin Luther

I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between Him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creation of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from 1 Chronicles 16*

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

**People: Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Minister: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

**People: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!**

Minister: Then the trees of the forest will sing

**People: They will sing for joy before the LORD
for he comes to judge the earth.**

Hymn of Praise: O God Our Help in Ages Past

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3

Call to Repentance: Psalm 103:8-10

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Song of Reflection: Abide with Me

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: 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: Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Songs of Renewal:

Psalm 67

Shout to the Lord

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1:3-11

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-11

Sermon: Vine and Branches

Pastor Bill Radford

Professing our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Benediction

Sermon: Vine and Branches