

## 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=7m8P3dn64do>

### 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](http://bedfordpca.org)

Prayer before worship: 9:45

March 23: Potluck Lunch Following Worship

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— 7:30 p.m. on Jeremiah meeting on Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Will not meet this week.
- **Men's Bible study**—7:15 p.m. on Galatians. Meets 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. Will not meet this week.

### 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: Edward, Eliza, and Josiah Woolley

## 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)

*The heavens declare the  
glory of God, and the  
sky above proclaims his  
handiwork.*

Psalm 19:1



## Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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## Reflections

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.  
*Romans 5:10*

"The kingdom is to be in the midst of your enemies. And he who will not suffer this does not want to be of the Kingdom of Christ; he wants to be among friends, to sit among roses and lilies, not with the bad people but the devout people. O you blasphemers and betrayers of Christ! If Christ had done what you are doing who would ever have been spared."  
*Martin Luther*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**Call to Call to Worship** *from Psalm 19*

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they acknowledge his glory.**

Minister: There is no land or nation where their voice is not heard.

**People: Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.**

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
Heart be acceptable in your sight,

**People: O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.**

**Hymn of Praise:** Before the Throne of God Above

**Old Testament Reading:** Micah 7:18-20

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

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as  
white as snow; though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

**Song of Reflection:** Psalm 84

## Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess to you our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have sinned against you. Teach us to hate our sin and idols. Cleanse us from our secret sins and forgive us for the sake of your dear Son Jesus Christ. O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, we ask you, that from now on we may live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the Word of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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.

## Songs of Renewal:

Come As You Are  
King of Kings

**New Testament Reading:** Colossians 3:12-15

## Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Doxology**

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:12-17

## Sermon: Greater Love

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Closing Hymn:** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

**Benediction**

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