

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=QRQVtloOI6s>

Downstairs

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3 to 10.

There is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

Check out our website: bedfordpca.org

Prayer before worship: 9:45

March 23: Potluck Lunch Following Worship

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Jeremiah. Meeting on Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell.
- **Men's Bible study**— 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays on Galatians, s 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: Patrick and Josefina 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



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

“Let me ask you one question
Is your money that good
Will it buy you forgiveness
Do you think that it could
I think you will find
When your death takes its toll
All the money you made
Will never buy back your soul”

Bob Dylan, Masters of War

“What would you say if I told you that I’m beginning to believe that Jesus is real, is a real and risen and loving and judging Lord, and that I am in big trouble?”

Rosaria Butterfield, Confessions of an Unlikely Convert

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Call to Worship *from Psalm 86*

Minister: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

**People: All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.**

Minister: For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

**People: Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**

**All: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.**

Hymn of Praise: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

Call to Repentance: *Luke 5:32*

Jesus said, “I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

Song of Reflection: Psalm 23

Confession of Sin

Father, we recognize that you alone are worthy of our love and allegiance, but you know that our hearts are idol factories, full of inordinate loves and longings, thoughts and desires. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us because of the perfect obedience of your Son, whose Passion tames our passions. Heal us that we may be whole. Subdue us in heart, mind and will for your purposes and restore to us the joy of your salvation. For only when you reign supreme within us will our hearts be genuinely free to enjoy the wonder of the life you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: *Colossians 2:13-15*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Songs of Renewal:

We Believe
Once Again

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

*Doxology

Gospel Reading: John 16:16-24

Sermon: Sorrow into Joy

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: There is a Redeemer

Benediction

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