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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bdrKqmGGHg</u>

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 a.m.

English Conversation Group meets 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 2.

Bible Studies

- Adult Bible study: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays on Jeremiah. Meeting on Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell.
- Men's Bible study: 7:15 p.m. 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
- the crew of HMCS Margaret Brooke
- all of our government authorities
- 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: Carolyn Allen

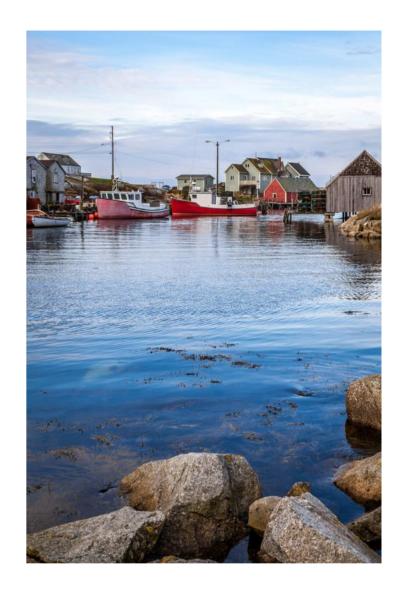
Officers of the Church

Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor Peter Bustin Reid Campbell Will Perrie Glenn Wadden Pastor Emeritus Don Codling Deacons David Campbell Honza Pokorny Edward Woolley



But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 8-9 (ESV)



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Pastor Bill Radford March 30, 2025 www.bedfordpca.org 49 Nelsons Landing Blvd. Bedford, NS

Reflections

There do meet in the person of Christ such really diverse excellencies, which otherwise would have been thought utterly incompatible in the same subject; such as are conjoined in no other person whatever, either divine, human, or angelical; and such as neither men nor angels would ever have imagined could have met together in the same person, had it not been seen in the person of Christ.

Jonathan Edwards, The Excellency of Christ

'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 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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1-7

Call to Repentance: Luke 5:32 Jesus said, "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Song of Reflection: Psalm 139b

Confession of Sin

O righteous and holy God, in whose hand is my life and whose are all my ways, fix me firm in yourself, for I vacillate; my decisions are smoke and vapor, and I do not glorify you or behave according to your will. Save me from myself, from the deceits of sin, from the treachery of my wayward nature, from denying your charge against my offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against you. I know that all my thoughts, affections, desires and pursuits are alienated from you. O Christ alone, by your mercy and grace heal my heart and make it whole. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: John 5:24

whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Songs of Renewal:

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Above All

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:14-19

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer *Doxology

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-26

Sermon: The High Priestly Prayer (Part 2) Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: The Church's One Foundation **Benediction**