

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=ycYAQW1_Khw

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: Wednesday April 9 at 1 p.m.

Good Friday Service: 11 a.m.

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. on Jeremiah meeting Wednesdays on Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell.
- **Men's Bible study:** 7:15 p.m. on 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
- IWK medical staff
- 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: Adam, Anna, Gwyneth and Freya Bent

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

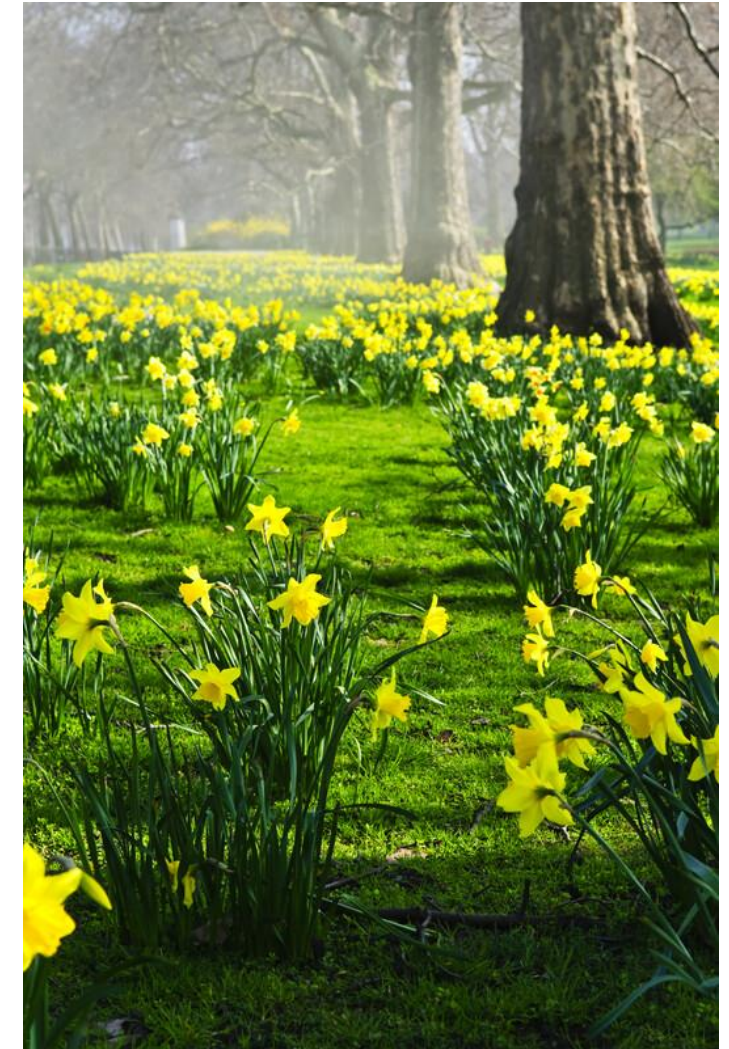
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the 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

The kingdom of the morning star
Can pierce a cold and stony heart
Its grace went through me like a sword
And came out like a song
Now I'm just waiting for the day
In the shadows of the dawn
But I won't wait, resting my bones
I'll take these foolishness roads of grace
And run toward the dawn
And when I rise and dawn turns to day
I'll shine as bright as the sun
And these roads that I've run, will be wise

Shadows of the Dawn, The Gray Havens

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 36*

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgements are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**

Minister: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow
of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your
house, and you give them drink from the river of your
delights.

**People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.**

Hymn of Praise: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1-14

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: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Confession of Sin

O Lord you are the full of compassion and the God of all comfort, but
too often we seek comfort in other things. We cling to our idols and our
inordinate loves, like wealth or health or romance or lust or success.
We sing their praises and strive for their approval and in the end we
are left empty, clinging to that which does not give life. O Father,
forgive our waywardness. Help us. Heal us. Lead us to the fountain of
living water which gives us life. Teach us to cling to you because your
love is better than life. Fill our hearts to sing to you the praises only you
deserve. We ask all of this in the matchless name of your Son and our
Savior Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 10:9-10

. . . if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is
with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your
mouth that you confess and are saved.

Baptism of Kaku Guo

Songs of Renewal:

Psalm 16

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Doxology**

Gospel Reading: John 18:1-14

Sermon: I AM HE

Pastor Bill Radford

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: Hosanna

Benediction

Sermon: I AM HE