

**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.*

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tr\\_Nu3HjIHM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tr_Nu3HjIHM)

**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.



**Bedford Presbyterian Church**

Pastor Bill Radford  
April 18, 2025  
Good Friday  
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Bedford, NS

Reflections

For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

*The Apostle Paul - First Letter to the Corinthians*

“Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us—a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world.”

*John Piper, Don’t Waste Your Life*

“Christ’s desertion is preventive of your final desertion. Because he was forsaken for a time you shall not be forsaken forever. For he was forsaken for you.”

*John Flavel*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

Minister: God forbid that we should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

People: **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Minister: By his wounds we have been healed.

People: **We have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.**

Hymn of Praise: Here is Love, Vast as an Ocean

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53

Call to Repentance: 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfil his promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Song of Reflection: Man of Sorrows, What a Name

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Song of Renewal:

Psalm 2

O Praise the Name

Gospel Reading: John 19:1-16

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Reading: John 19:17-30

Sermon: Jesus is Crucified

Professing our Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

The Lord’s Supper

Closing Hymn: In Christ Alone

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: Jesus is Crucified