

## 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=ydqs7h6Nn4>

## 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.

**English Conversation Group: Wednesday, May 7, at 1 p.m. in the church**

**Mothers' Day Luncheon at the church: Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please tell Laura Priddle if you plan to attend by May 5.**

## Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Obadiah/Nahum meeting on Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell.
- **Men's Bible study**—will not meet this week
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** Wednesdays at 9:30a.m. at the home of Laura Priddle on the book of Acts.

## Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- upcoming election
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Semenov family (Tetiana's father with lung cancer)
- Samina Munir, who needs to spend 6 weeks nursing at a NS hospital or nursing home to complete the transfer of her credentials as an RN to Canada. She will be missing her family in this period.
- Family of the week: Peter and Holly Bustin

## 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

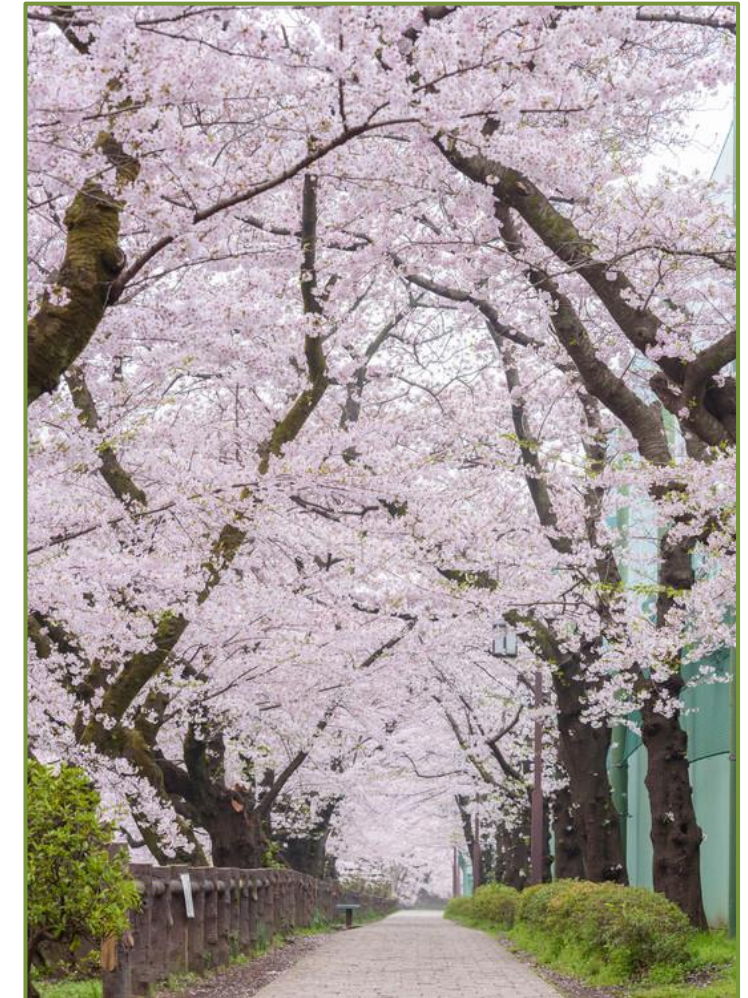
**Electronic giving:** You can give electronically by sending an Interac e-transfer to [bedfordpca@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordpca@gmail.com)

## NOTE:

In view of the expected absence of many of our families today, we plan to join in the Lord's Supper next Sunday.

## NOTE:

Immediately after the service, Pastor Aneel Sohail will take about 10 minutes to tell us about being a Christian in Pakistan. He and his wife (Samina Munir) and children were forced to flee Pakistan because of their faith, and are now settled in Barrie, Ontario. We ask anyone who has to leave before this to go out immediately after the benediction



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 148:1-6,12-13  
Praise the LORD!  
**Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!**  
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!  
**Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!**  
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!  
**Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**  
Young men and maidens together, old men and children!  
Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
**for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

Invocation

**\*Song of Praise:** On Christ the Solid Rock

**Psalm:** Psalm 8

**Call to Repentance:** Malachi 3:7 “...from the days of your fathers you have gone away from my ordinances and have not kept *them*. Return to me, and I will return to you,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

**Song of Reflection:** Psalm 90A

Confession of Sin

Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Foolishly, however, we have time and again chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing we have hurt others, sometimes intentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing we have damaged and despoiled ourselves, who had been created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus’ sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being that we might walk in the ways of love and justice to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

**\*Songs of Renewal**  
My Faith has Found a Resting Place  
Your Name

**New Testament Reading:** Ephesians 4:17-32

**Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord’s Prayer**  
**\*Doxology**

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1:24-2:25

**Sermon: Created in God’s image**  
**Rev. Don Codling**

Prayer:

**\*Closing Hymn: King of My Hheart**  
**Benediction: 1 Peter 5:10-11**

**Introduction of pastor Anil Sohail, living as a Christian in Pakistan**

Doctrine to be lived  
Created in God’s image

**Genesis 1:26-2:25; Psalm 8**

1.Teaches essential worth of all mankind

- a. Made in God’s image
- b. Essentially different from animals
- c. Rejecting this has led to grievous devaluation of your humanity
- d. But you are not just an animal

2.Teaches the equality of the sexes

- a. Made male and female
- b. Equality between sexes at deepest level

3.Teaches environmental stewardship

- a. Made to rule over the earth
- b. No warrant to destroy the earth
- c. Stewards of creation