

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=S1Suillcets>

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

English Conversation Group: 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 28

Potluck lunch – June 1 after worship

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— 7:30 Wednesdays on Nahum/Obadiah. Meeting on Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell.
- **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
- Against anti-semitism
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- for Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Semenov family (Tatiana's father with lung cancer)
- Family of the week: David and Rebecca Campbell and children

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



I delight greatly in
the Lord; my soul
rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed
me with garments of
salvation.

Isaiah 61.10a (NIV)

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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
Psalm 96:2-3

“Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies. At the end all his disciples deserted him. On the Cross he was utterly alone, surrounded by evildoers and mockers. For this cause he had come, to bring peace to the enemies of God. So the Christian, too, belongs not in the seclusion of a cloistered life but in the thick of foes. There is his commission, his work. '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' (Luther).”
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *1 Chronicles 16:23-27*
Minister: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
**People: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be feared above all gods.**
Minister For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
**People: Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.**

Hymn of Praise: How Great Thou Art

Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 37:1-11*

Call to Repentance: *2 Chronicles 7:14-15*
if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

Hymn of Reflection: Rock of Ages

Confession of Sin

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness *Psalm 103:11-13*
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Song of Renewal:

Psalm 103
Our God

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:32-38*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

Epistle Reading: *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

Sermon: Marvelling at Jesus

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: And Can it Be

Benediction

Dismissal
Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: Marvelling at Jesus