

## 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=9dBL55EvgAk>

### 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.

Prayer before worship: 9:45 a.m.

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**—Led by Reid Campbell. Meeting Wednesdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom. On break until the fall
- **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 break until the fall.

### Pray for:

- full recovery for Don Codling
- the missionaries we support
- Against anti-semitism
- 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 (Tatiana's father with lung cancer)
- family of the week: Kaku Guo, wife Elva, son Alfie and mother Qin

### Officers of the Church

#### Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor  
Peter Bustin  
Reid Campbell  
Will Perrie  
Glenn Wadden

#### Pastor Emeritus

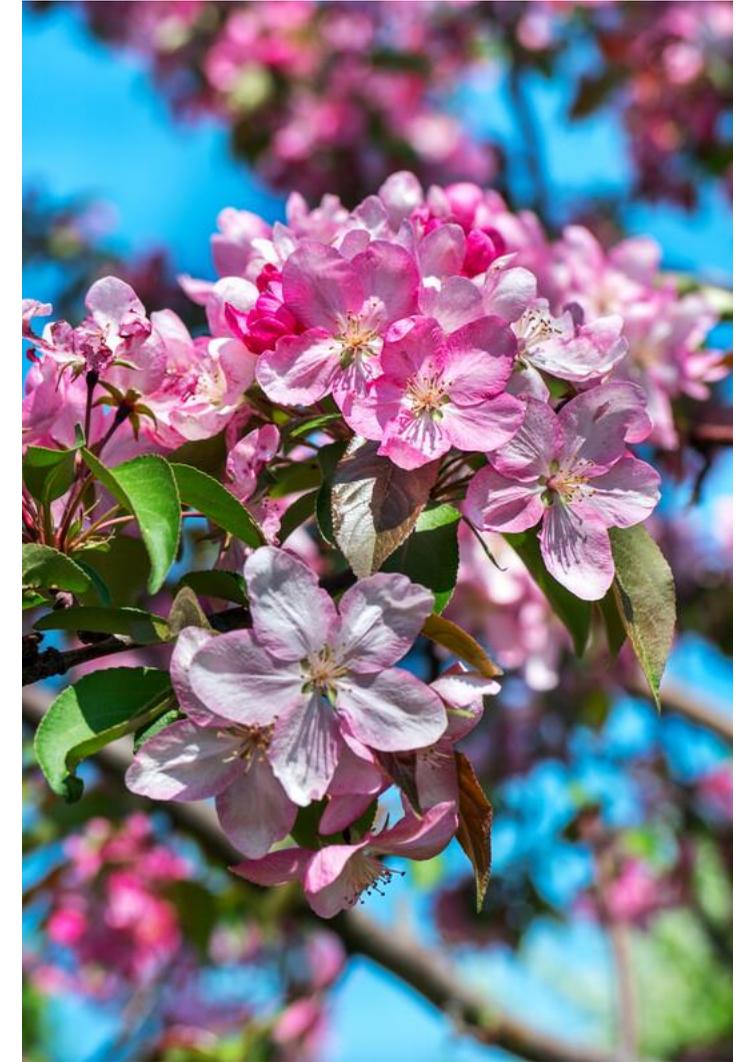
Don Codling

#### 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)

Your eternal word,  
O Lord, stands firm in  
heaven. Psalm 119:89  
(NLT)



## Bedford Presbyterian Church

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## Reflections

The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,  
but everyone to come to repentance...

And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*2 Peter 3:9, 15*

For whatever was written in former days was written for our  
instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement  
of the Scriptures we might have hope.

*Romans 15:4*

Patience necessarily follows hope. Indeed, when it is painful to be  
deprived of the good you desire, if you do not support and comfort  
yourself with patience, you must necessarily faint with despair. Hope  
always brings patience with it.

*John Calvin*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**Call to Worship:** *based on Colossians 1:11-14*

Minister: "Being strengthened with all power,  
according to his glorious might,

**People: for all endurance and patience with joy**

Minister: giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you  
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

**People: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,**

**All: in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."**

**Hymn of Praise:** The Church's One Foundation

**Old Testament Reading:** *Psalm 37:1-9*

**Call to Repentance:** *Romans 2:3:9*

You have no excuse, every one of you who judges.

For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself,  
because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

We know that the judgment of God

rightly falls on those who practice such things.

Do you suppose, you who judge those who practice such things

and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness  
and forbearance and patience,  
not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

**Hymn of Reflection:** Psalm 139

### Confession of Sin

### Silent Confession

**Declaration of Forgiveness** *2 Peter 3:14, 15*

Be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.  
And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.

### Song of Renewal:

Holy Forever

Shout to the Lord

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 18:23-35*

### Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Epistle Reading:** *Romans 12:9-17*

**Sermon:** The Fruit of the Spirit: Patience

*Pastor Ben Westerveld*

Église réformée du Québec

**Closing Hymn:** Rejoice, the Lord is King

**Benediction:** Romans 15:5

May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,  
in accord with Christ Jesus.

**All: Amen!**

**Dismissal:** *Hebrews 12:1, 2*

Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,  
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...

**All: looking to Jesus.**

## Sermon: The Fruit of the Spirit: Patience

### A. The fruit of patience

### B. God's patience

### C. Our patience