

## 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=T5OFPEwYcTs>

### 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](http://bedfordpca.org)

**Prayer before worship: 9:45**

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**—7:30 p.m. Wednesdays meeting on Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. On summer break.
- **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 summer break.

### Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Don Codling recovering from bypass surgery
- 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)
- Matt O'Brien and Shuwei Zhang: family of the week

## 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)

*And let the peace  
that comes from  
Christ rule in your  
hearts.*

**Colossians 3:15a  
(NLT)**



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors."

C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

Then the perfect son of man  
Took the place the voice had planned  
Since the garden and before  
He took the swords and cursed the grave  
There's nothing more to separate us from the promise  
The words of a living hope

*The Gray Havens, This My Soul*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship Psalm 36:5-9

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.**

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**People: The children of mankind take refuge  
in the shadow of your wings.**

Minister: 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:** All Creatures of our God and King

**Old Testament Reading:** *Isaiah 44:6-8*

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.

**Hymn of Reflection:** Psalm 4

Confession of Sin

O Lord, though your righteousness reaches to the sky, your grace and mercy reach down to the depths of undeserving souls such as ours. We give you thanks that when we were dead in our sins, you made us alive with Christ. For you have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son whom you love. Forgive us, Lord, that we do not look on the lost with compassion as our Savior looked upon us. We marvel that you are pleased to use us as instruments through which the wonders of our blessed Redeemer our known. Grant that we might be wise in the way we live so that those who are distant from your grace may see Christ. When we are timid, make us bold. When we are cold, warm our hearts with the gospel; and in all our words and ways may we show forth the grace and glory of Christ the King. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Song of Renewal:

Be Thou My Vision  
Blessed be the Name

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 12:28-34*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Epistle Reading:** *Revelation 1:12-2:7*

Sermon: Stars and Lampstands

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Closing Hymn:** O God our Help in Ages Past

**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: Stars and Lampstands