

## 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=K0KLzQVld14>

### 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 a.m.**

### 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)
- Will and Chi Perrie: 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

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### COMMUNION PRAYERS

#### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the Life. 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

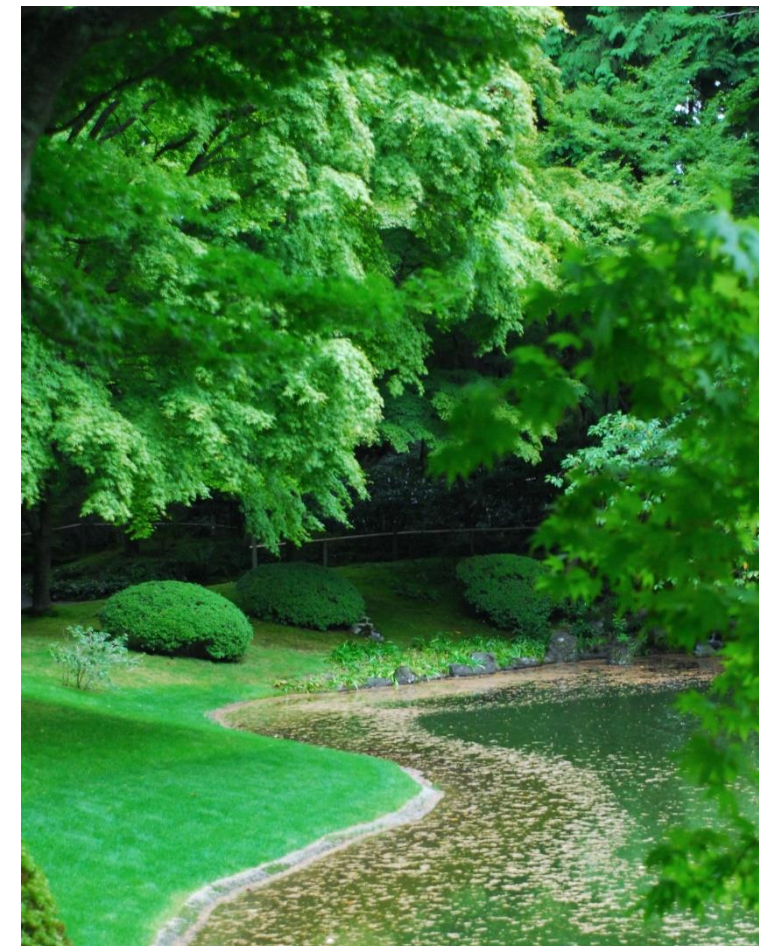
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the 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.



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.  
*1 Peter 1:18-19*

“If he should cast me into the depths of hell and place me in the midst of devils, I would believe that I have been saved because I have been baptized, I have been absolved, I have received the pledge of my salvation, the body and blood of the Lord in the Supper. Therefore I want to see and hear nothing else, but I shall live and die in this faith, whether God or an angel or the devil says the contrary.”  
*Martin Luther*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from 1 Chronicles 16*

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.

Minister: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

People: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;  
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

Minister : Then the trees of the forest will sing  
People: They will sing for joy before the LORD  
for he comes to judge the earth.

Hymn of Praise: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Old Testament Reading: *Daniel 3*

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: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, we thank you that though we were aliens and strangers in the world, you have called us out of darkness and brought us into the wonderful light of your love and presence that we might enjoy holy fellowship with you and with each other. We confess, however, that there remains much darkness in us—much pride that insulates us from the power of your penetrating light. Forgive us for the thoughts that have offended you, the words that have hurt others, the actions that have promoted ourselves rather than the glory of your holy Name. Clothe us with humility and the ability to cast all our anxiety upon you that we might know anew the freedom of the servants of Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Song of Renewal:

Psalm 1

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Gospel Reading: *John 15:18-21*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

Epistle Reading: *Revelation 2:8-11*

Sermon: Faithful Unto Death

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Professing our Faith: Heidelberg Q 1

The Lord’s Supper

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace

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: Faithful unto Death