

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=sAFUA3jnCHY>

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

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. 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
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- peace in the conflict in Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Semenov family (Tatiana's father with lung cancer)
- family of the week: Nathan, Laura, Bryce, Audrey and Hannah Priddle

Officers of the Church

Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

Deacons

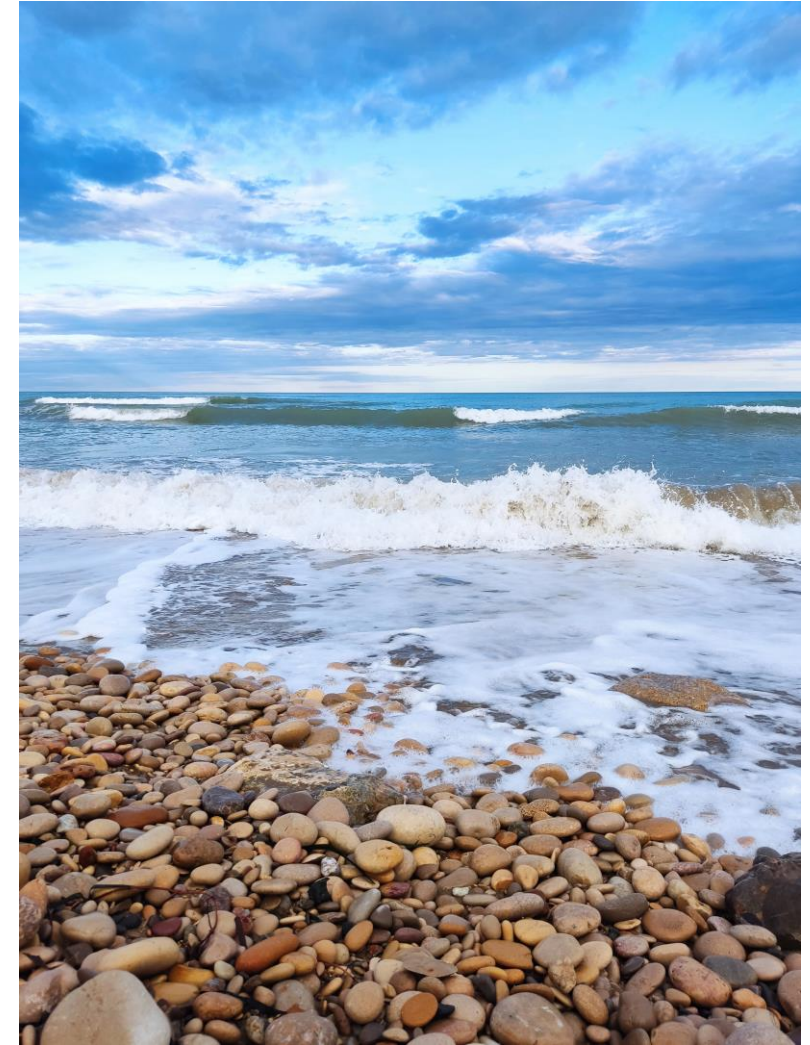
David Campbell

Honza Pokorny

Edward Woolley

Electronic giving: You can give electronically by sending an Interac e-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

I am come that
they may have
life, and that
they may have
it more
abundantly.
John 10.10b (NKJV)



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

“And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.”

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

“One very difficult aspect of sin is that my sin never feels like sin to me. My sin feels like life to me, plain and simple. My heart is an idol factory, and my mind is an excuse-making factory.”

Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship from Psalm 62

Minister: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

People: He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Minister: On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People: Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;

All: He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Hymn of Praise: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 2

Call to Repentance: Psalm 103:8-10

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 139

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. 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 towards 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:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
O Praise the Name

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:24-28

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

Epistle Reading: Revelation 2:18-29

Sermon: Only Hold Fast

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

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: Only Hold Fast