

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=83x_FpzAPz8

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: Pastor Radford, Tracy, children and grandchildren

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

When doubts filled my
mind, your comfort gave
me renewed hope and
cheer.

Psalm 94:19 (NLT)



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Pastor Bill Radford
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Reflections

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:16-18

Heaven have mercy on us all—Presbyterians and Pagans alike - for we are all somehow dreadfully cracked about the head, and sadly need mending.

Herman Melville, Moby Dick

Man, so long as he remains free, has no more constant and agonizing anxiety than find as quickly as possible someone to worship.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky, The Grand Inquisitor

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Minister: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

People: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Minister: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

People: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

Minister: In your hand are power and might,

People: and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

All: And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Hymn of Praise: We Praise You O God Our Redeemer Creator

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2:11-13

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: Psalm 121a

Confession of Sin

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners, but in Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior’s glory; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Song of Renewal:

Thine Be the Glory

Be Unto Your Name

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:25-28

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

Epistle Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

Sermon: Dead or Alive

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

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: Dead or Alive