

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= MV3JWokEns&pp=0gcJCcYJAYcqIYzy](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MV3JWokEns&pp=0gcJCcYJAYcqIYzy)

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

English Conversation Group begins on September 24.

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**—Wednesdays 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 the book of Proverbs. Beginning September 17. If you are interested in joining a women’s Bible study but not able to attend during the day, please speak with Laura about an evening possibility.



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: Alex, Tetiania, Matthew, Elina, Emma and Tetiana's parents and particularly, her father with lung cancer.

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

COMMUNION PRAYERS

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the Life. If what you claim is true, 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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Reflections

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Revelation 22:17

"When I know that Christ is the one real sacrifice for my sins, that His work on my behalf has been accepted by God, that He is my heavenly Intercessor—then His blood is the antidote to the poison in the voices that echo in my conscience, condemning me for my many failures. Indeed, Christ's shed blood chokes them into silence!"

Sinclair Ferguson, In Christ Alone

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship 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.

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: His love endures forever.

Hymn of Praise: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12

Call to Repentance: Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

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Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 23

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Covenant Baptism of Ewan Adam Bent

Song of Renewal:

This is My Father’s World

This I Believe

Gospel Reading: John 16:25-33

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

New Testament Reading: Revelation 3:8-13

Sermon: An Open Door

Pastor Bill Radford

Professing our Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

The Lord’s Supper

Closing Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

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: An Open Door