

## 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=7t2CNvSMxX8>

### 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.

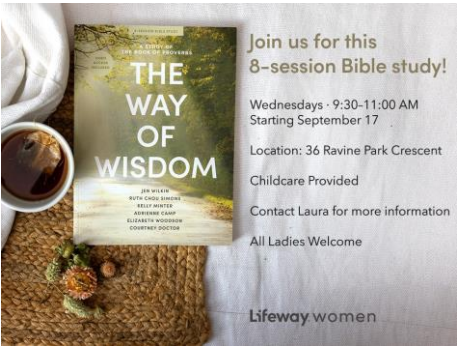
Check out our website: [bedfordpca.org](http://bedfordpca.org)

Prayer before worship: 9:45

English Conversation Group begins meeting on September 24.

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— 7:30 p.m. Wednesday meeting on Zoom.  
Led by Reid Campbell. Beginning soon
- **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 meeting in the evening, please speak with Laura.



### 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
- Mona Sneddon: 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)



### English Conversation Group

Wednesdays: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
September 24 to December 3, 2025

Bedford Presbyterian Church  
49 Nelsons Landing, Bedford

Meet newcomers in your community and enjoy English conversation in a relaxed environment.

Register: [bedfordpca.org/events/english](http://bedfordpca.org/events/english)  
Contact: [eal@bedfordpca.org](mailto:eal@bedfordpca.org)



But those who wait for the Lord shall  
renew their strength, they shall  
mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary, they  
shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.31 (NRSV)



## Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford  
September 14, 2025  
[www.bedfordpca.org](http://www.bedfordpca.org)  
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Bedford, NS

Reflections

<sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in sins, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and He raised us up and seated us together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

*Ephesians 2:4-7*

We declare, upon Scriptural authority, that the human will is so desperately set on mischief, so depraved, and so inclined to everything that is evil, and so disinclined to everything that is good, that without the powerful, supernatural, irresistible influence of the Holy Spirit, no human will ever be constrained towards Christ.

*Charles Spurgeon*

The sin under all other sins is a lack of joy in Christ.

*Timothy Keller*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

*Lamentations 3:21-25*

Minister: But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.**

Minister: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

**People: The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.**

**Hymn of Praise:** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Old Testament Reading:** *Isaiah 12*

**Call to Repentance:** *1 John 1:8-10*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Song of Reflection:** Psalm 104

Confession of Sin

Our gracious God and Father, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your Holy Spirit and make your Word the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your Son, Jesus, that we may live before the world to your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Declaration of Forgiveness:** *1 John 2:1-2*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Song of Renewal:

King of Kings  
All in All

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 4:1-9*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Doxology**

**New Testament Reading:** *Revelation 3:14-22*

Sermon: Be Zealous

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Closing Hymn:** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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: Be Zealous