## **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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ayQh32J0AQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ayQh32J0AQ</a>

#### **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 a.m.

Wednesday, September 24: English Conversation Group

Sunday, September 28: Pastoral Candidate Jim Poopalapillai will preach next Sunday.

Sunday, October 5: Congregational Meeting

#### **Bible Studies**

- Adult Bible study—Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. 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. Note: Also every other Monday at 7:30 p.m. starting September 22.

## Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Carolyn Allen's granddaughter Elizabeth
- · 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
- family of the week Smartex Tambala and Barbara Blays and their children Hanna, Jefferies, and Felix

#### Officers of the Church

#### Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor

Peter Bustin

Reid Campbell

Will Perrie

Glenn Wadden

#### **Pastor Emeritus**

Don Codling

#### **Deacons**

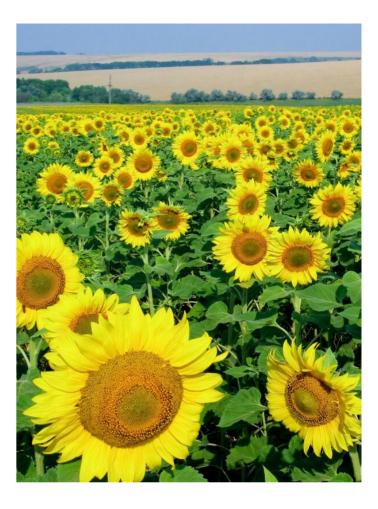
David Campbell Honza Pokorny Edward Woolley

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



But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6.33 (ESV)



# **Bedford Presbyterian Church**

Pastor Bill Radford September 21, 2025 www.bedfordpca.org 49 Nelsons Landing Blvd. Bedford, NS

#### Reflections

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

"God is the highest good of the reasonable creature. The enjoyment of him is our proper; and is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here. Better than fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of any, or all earthly friends. These are but shadows; but the enjoyment of God is the substance. These are but scattered beams; but God is the sun. These are but streams; but God is the fountain. These are but drops, but God is the ocean."

Jonathan Edwards

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship - from Psalm 67:1-5

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah* 

People: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah* 

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Hymn of Praise: Worship Christ the Living King

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

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.

Song of Reflection: Psalm 4

#### Confession of Sin

Merciful Heavenly Father, you are full of patience and mercy with us, your children. Though you have given us the grace of the gospel, we are not thankful, and live as though we are still captive to sin. Though you have provided for us, families and friends and spouses and children, we at times are not thankful even for these gifts, but rather find fault with your fatherly care. And though you have given us your Word to learn from and live by and your church in which to worship you, and your own Son in whom we are redeemed. We live as though we are spiritual orphans without roots or foundation. Father for these and many other sins we ask for your mercy and forgiveness. Amen

#### **Silent Confession**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:** 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Song of Renewal:

Let All Things Now Living
Tis So Sweet

Gospel Reading: John 1:14-18
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer
Doxology

**New Testament Reading:** Revelation 3:20-22

Sermon: I Stand at the Door and Knock

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: There is a Redeemer

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: I Stand at the Door and Knock