

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=mlHScyR9T6o>

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.

Upcoming

- **Wednesday, October 1 at 1 p.m.:** English Conversation Group
- **Sunday, October 5:** Congregational Meeting after worship

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. This study will also be offered every other Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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: Rob and Emily Walker

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

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Bedford Presbyterian Church

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Reflections

8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:8–11

It is God’s word that does convert, quicken, comfort, and build up, or, on the other side, wound and beat down. What is the reason that there was so great an alteration made by the ministry of Christ and His disciples, by the apostles and others after them, indeed, by Luther, and other ministers of reformed churches? They did not preach traditions of elders like the scribes; nor men’s inventions like the Roman Catholics do. They preached the pure word of God. The more purely God’s word is preached, the more deeply it pierces and the more kindly it works.

William Gouge

Welcome, Announcements and Introduction

Invocation

Call to Worship Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

Minister: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Minister: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Hymn of Praise: All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Call to Repentance: Based on Gospel Reading

Song of Reflection: Psalm 2

Confession of Sin

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ,

our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Acts 10:43

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Song of Renewal:

Majesty

Cornerstone

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:24-2:5

Sermon: A Model for Ministry

Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

Closing Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above

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!



Congregational Q&A with
Jim Poopalapillai

After worship, everyone is invited
to join us for fellowship and
refreshments with Jim and Dina.

Sermon: A Model for Ministry