

## 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=5XdGcAYAS\\_0&pp=0gcJCSMKA\\_YcqIYzv](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XdGcAYAS_0&pp=0gcJCSMKA_YcqIYzv)

### 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 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Service:** 5 p.m., December 24

**English Conversation Group:** on break till January 7

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Isaiah via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell.
- **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 Romans. Every other Monday evening at 7 p.m. studying Proverbs.

### Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- peace in Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end.
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Aidan and Eileen DeBoer

## 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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## COMMUNION PRAYERS

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the Life. Since 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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## Bedford Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.

J.I. Packer

If He is divine, then there's nothing He can't do. There's no one He can't heal. There's nothing He can't forgive. There's nothing He can't ask of you and there's nothing that we shouldn't give up in order to follow Him.

Kevin DeYoung

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship from Isaiah 60

Minister: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and redeemed his people.

People: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he said through his holy prophets of long ago.

Minister: He did this to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to Abraham.

People: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

\* Song of Praise: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 116:12-19

Call to Repentance: John 15:7

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Song of Reflection

Psalm 16

Confession of Sin

O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to needs of the poor and downtrodden, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice as we should. Nor have we cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. We have been silent when we could have spoken and have lacked boldness in our witness. Lord, forgive us for our offenses. And grant that by the power of your Spirit we might live in light of your coming again. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Renewal:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

New Testament Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Sermon: A Life of Gratitude

Pastor Bill Radford

Professing our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

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: A Life of Gratitude