

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=0yFrpnec_Ug

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

Congregational Meeting after worship today

English Conversation Group next meets January 7, 2026.

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— Wednesdays at 7:30p.m. on Isaiah via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. On hiatus till January.7.
- **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: Reid and Eleanor Campbell

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

**Every good and perfect gift
is from above, coming down
from the Father of the
heavenly lights, who does
not change like shifting
shadows.**

James1:17(NIV)



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Pastor Bill Radford

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Reflections

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).
Matthew 1:23

“Man's maker was made man that He, Ruler of the stars,
might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the
Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that
Truth might be accused of false witnesses, the Teacher be beaten
with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength
might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might
die.”
Augustine of Hippo

“The incarnation took all that properly belongs to our humanity and
delivered it back to us, redeemed. All of our inclinations and appetites
and capacities and yearnings are purified and gathered up and
glorified by Christ. He did not come to thin out human life; He came to
set it free. All the dancing and feasting and processing and singing
and building and sculpting and baking and merrymaking that belong
to us, and that were stolen away into the service of false gods, are
returned to us in the gospel.”
Thomas Howard

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship
Minister: Come, let us worship our God and King!
People: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to those on whom his favor rests!**

Minister: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.
People: **Jesus Christ is our life and light!**

Hymn of Invitation: O Come All Ye Faithful

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Call to Repentance: Matthew 1:21
She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save
his people from their sins.”

Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 3

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, if you had not limited all your majestic greatness into
the cramped quarters of the human nature, we could not now know
the limitless power and privilege of being your children!
If you had not been blind in the womb, we could never have had
the scales drop from our eyes. If you had not come to die, we could
never have received endless life. If you had not been torn, we could
never have been mended. Now forgive us for not loving others as
you loved us at Christmas. Forgive us for not quieting the fears of
our hearts with the knowledge of how you loved us at Christmas.
Now let us adore you for the gift of your Son, for He is our hope
and our health and our life.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness from Ephesians 1:7-8
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon
us

Song of Renewal:
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
The First Noel

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:15-20
Prayers of the People
The Lord’s Prayer
Doxology
Offering

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: How Can This Be?
Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old
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: How Can This Be?