

## 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=hwHCWVMC11g>

### 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 meets next on January 7, 2026.

### Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**— 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Studying Isaiah via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell on Christmas break.
- **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 7pm. Next meetings will be in January.

### 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
- Aidan and Eileen de Boer expecting their first child
- Family of the week – David and Rebecca Campbell, Juliana, Winston, Elizabeth and Felicity

### 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)

For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given: and the  
government shall be upon his  
shoulder: and his name shall  
be called Wonderful,  
Counsellor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The  
Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)



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Pastor Bill Radford

December 21, 2025

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Reflections

“It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.”  
*John 4:42*

“But supposing God became a man - suppose our human nature which can suffer and die was amalgamated with God’s nature in one person - then that person could help us. He could surrender His will, and suffer and die, because He was man; and He could do it perfectly because He was God. You and I can go through this process only if God does it in us; but God can only do it if He becomes man. Our attempts at this dying will succeed only if we men share in God’s dying, just as our thinking can succeed only because it is a drop out of the ocean of His intelligence: but we cannot share God’s dying unless God dies; and He cannot die except by being a man. That is the sense in which He pays our debt, and suffers for us what He Himself need not suffer at all.”  
*C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

**Call to Worship** *from Isaiah 60*  
Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**People: And the glory of the LORD rises upon us.**  
Minister: See, darkness covers the earth  
**People: And thick darkness is over the peoples,**  
Minister: but the LORD rises upon you  
**People: and his glory appears over us.**  
Minister: The sun will no more be your light by day,  
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you,  
**People: for the LORD will be our everlasting light,**  
**and our God will be our glory.**

**Hymn of Praise:** Angels from the Realms of Glory

**Old Testament Reading:** *Micah 5:2-4*

**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.”

**Song of Reflection:** While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

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:** *Acts 10:43*

To him (*that is Jesus*) all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Covenant Baptism:** Alfie Langyi Guo

Song of Renewal:

Psalm 72b  
Above All

**New Testament Reading:** *Titus 3:4-7*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Doxology**

**Offertory**

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 2:1-14*

**Sermon: A Saviour, Christ the Lord**

*Pastor Bill Radford*

**Closing Hymn:** Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

**Sermon: A Saviour, Christ the Lord**