

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=6_RHPxBUHjI

Children’s Church/Nursery

In order to allow everyone to witness the installation service, there will be no children’s church or nursery today. Parents are encouraged to stay in the service with their children. The nursery will be open to use in the event a child needs a break from the service.

Upcoming

January 11, 2026: Reception after the worship service to welcome Pastor Jim Poopalapillai and his wife Dina.

Wednesday January 14, 2026: English Conversation Group meets at the church at 1 p.m.

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays studying 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. Next meets on January 14, 2026. Monday evening meetings at 7:30 p.m. to study Proverbs. Next meets on January 12 and February 2.

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
- Eileen de Boer and Eliza Woolley, both looking forward to the birth of their babies
- the Semenov family and Tatiana's father Volodymyr who is suffering with lung cancer
- Carolyn Allen recovering from a heart attack
- Pastor Jim and Dina Poopalapillai as they settle into their new home and community.
- family of the week: Kaku Guo, Elva Dou and their son Alfie

Officers of the Church

Elders

Jim Poopalapillai—Pastor Elect
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

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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**Service to Install Jim Poopalapillai
as Pastor of Bedford Presbyterian Church**

January 11, 2026
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Bedford, NS

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Psalm 36*

Minister: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.**

Minister: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast.
How priceless is your unfailing love!

**People: Both high and low among men
find refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Minister: They feast on the abundance of your house;
You give us drink from your river of delights.

**People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.**

Hymn of Praise: Holy Holy Holy

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 100

Call to Repentance: *Mark 1:14-15*

...Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Song of Reflection: When I Survey

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, we thank you that though we were aliens and strangers in the world, you have called us out of darkness and brought us into the wonderful light of your love and presence that we might enjoy holy fellowship with you and with each other. We confess, however, that there remains much darkness in us—much pride that insulates us from the power of your penetrating light. Forgive us for the thoughts that have offended you, the words that have hurt others, the actions that have promoted ourselves rather than the glory of your holy Name. Clothe us with humility and the ability to cast all our anxiety upon you that we might know anew the freedom of the servants of Christ. 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.

Song of Renewal:

Psalm 100A

Everlasting God

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-11

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

***Doxology**

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:1-9

Sermon: A Church at a Crossroads

Pastor Ben Jolliffe

Installation of Jim Poopalapillai as Pastor

Professing our Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

The Lord’s Supper

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace

Benediction

Dismissal

Sermon: A Church at a Crossroads