

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.

CHILDREN

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3 to 10. Downstairs there is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

Join us today after the worship service for a potluck lunch. There is plenty of food for all.

UPCOMING

12:45 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026:

English Conversation Group meets at the church.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays on Isaiah via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Meets next on January 21.
- **ISMCA 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. An additional group meets every other Monday evening at 7 p.m. Meets next on February 2.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Laura's eye surgery and the Priddle family as she recovers
- Carolyn Allen's recovery
- Family of the week: Peter Jiao and sons Jay and Jayson

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Elders

Jim Poopalapillai—Pastor
Peter Bustin
Reid Campbell
Will Perrie
Glenn Wadden

Deacons

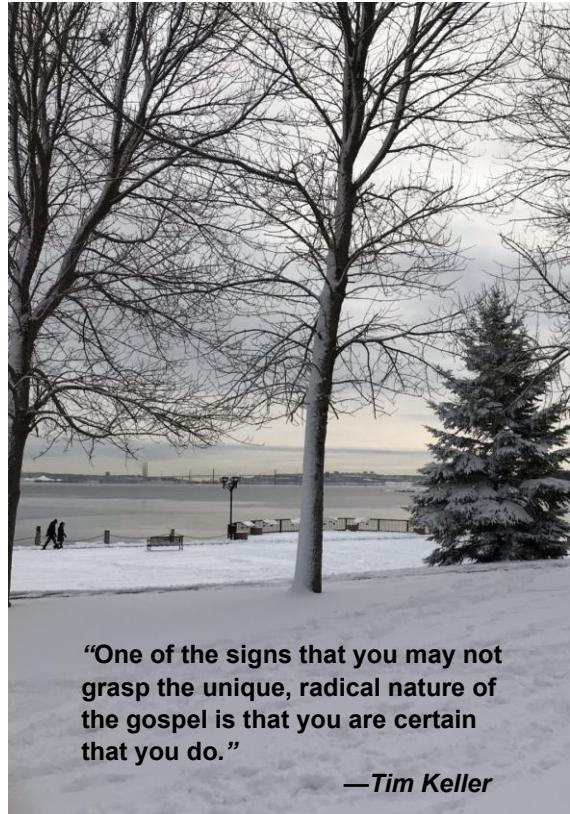
David Campbell
Honza Pokorny
Edward Woolley

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

HOW TO GIVE

e-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com



“One of the signs that you may not grasp the unique, radical nature of the gospel is that you are certain that you do.”

—Tim Keller

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 18, 2026

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: ¹I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: ²I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
—Psalm 9:1-2

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. —Genesis 1:1-10

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION Psalm 145

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

People: O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
—Romans 5:8-9

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Come As You Are
Majesty

GOSPEL READING

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
—John 1:1-8

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY

NEW TESTAMENT READING

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

—Colossians 1:9-14

SERMON

A Prayer for the Fully Pleasing Life
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

BENEDICTION

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. —Romans 15:13

DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON SERIES ON COLOSSIANS

A Prayer for the Fully Pleasing Life
Colossians 1:9-14

To live the fully pleasing life we must:

1) Pray to know God

2) Pray to obey God

3) Pray to be strengthened by God

4) Praise God for God