

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.

UPCOMING

12:45 p.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026:

English Conversation Group meets at the church.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Meets next on February 4.
- **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. An additional group meets every other Monday evening at 7 p.m. Meets next on February 2.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Carolyn Allen's recovery
- Family of the week: Serhii and Viktoriia Kalinchenko and their children Oleh and Vladyslav

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

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"We believe in one God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made..."

—*The Nicene Creed (381AD)*

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: ² Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Minister: ³ Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

People: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100

HYMN OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹¹ And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was

good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. —Genesis 1:11-19

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION: Psalm 63A

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offences against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

—Isaiah 1:18

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Jesus I Need You

GOSPEL READING

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. —John 1:9-13

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER *DOXOLOGY

NEW TESTAMENT READING

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. —Colossians 1:15-23

SERMON

All of Life Hinges on Jesus Christ
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honour

BENEDICTION

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. —2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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

All of Life Hinges on Jesus Christ

Colossians 1:15-23

All of life hinges on Jesus Christ because...

1) **Jesus is Creator** of all creation
(v. 15-16)

2) **Jesus is Sustainer** of the new creation
(v. 17-18)

3) **Jesus is Reconciler** of fallen creation
(v. 19-23)