

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

- **English Conversation Group:** 12:45 p.m, Wednesday, February 4, 2026 meets at the church.
- **Church AGM:** After Service on Sunday, February 15, 2026
- **Lord’s Supper Service:** Sunday, February 22, 2026

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: Rena McCulloch

SERMON
Growing up by Holding Fast
Colossians 2:6-15

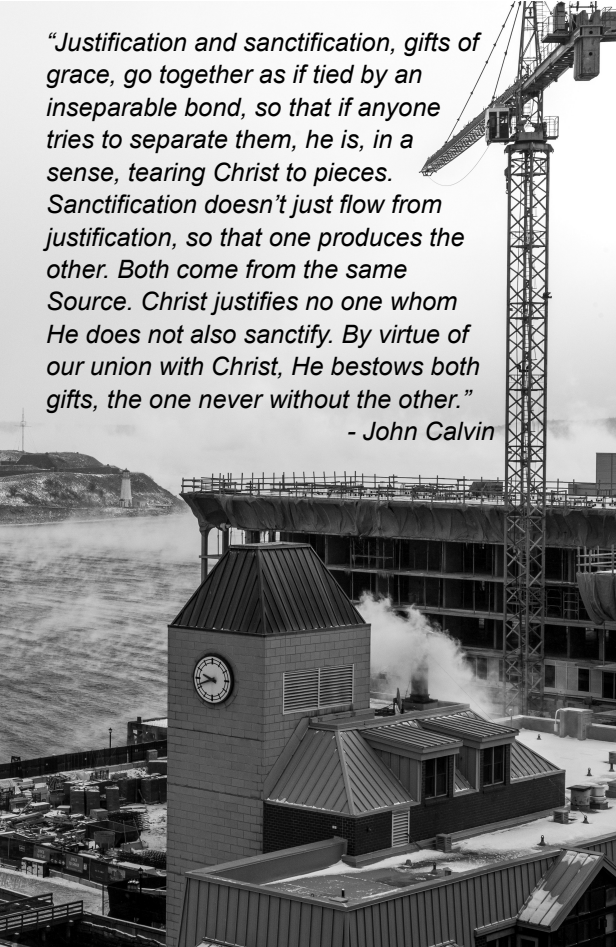
Growth in Christ comes from what is true, not what is new.

So...

1) **Continue in what you Received:** Christ as Lord. Walk in him (v.6)

2) **Beware and do not be Deceived:** Worldly Philosophies (v.8)

3) **Revel in what Christ has Achieved:** Union with Him (v.9-15)



“Justification and sanctification, gifts of grace, go together as if tied by an inseparable bond, so that if anyone tries to separate them, he is, in a sense, tearing Christ to pieces. Sanctification doesn’t just flow from justification, so that one produces the other. Both come from the same Source. Christ justifies no one whom He does not also sanctify. By virtue of our union with Christ, He bestows both gifts, the one never without the other.”
- John Calvin

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Elders

Jim Poopalapillai—Pastor
Peter Bustin
Reid Campbell
Will Perrie
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Deacons

David Campbell
Honza Pokorny
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Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

HOW TO GIVE

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CHURCH

February 1, 2026
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

People: for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

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

People: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Minister: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. —Psalm 24:1-4

HYMN OF PRAISE

Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean

OLD TESTAMENT READING

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the

beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. —Genesis 1:20-25

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 23

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. —Isaiah 53:4-5

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Lord I Need You
Goodness of God

GOSPEL READING

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon

grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. —John 1:14-18

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

NEW TESTAMENT READING

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. —Colossians 2:6-15

SERMON

Growing up by Holding Fast
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

Worship Christ the Risen King

BENEDICTION

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. —Jude 1:24-25

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!