

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. On the Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated, there is no Children's Church so that everyone can attend the service.

Downstairs there is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

UPCOMING

12:45 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026: English Conversation Group meets at the church.

February 27, 2026, Eastern Canada Presbytery Meeting at **Grace Toronto**

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Meets next on February 25.
- **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 7:15 p.m. Meets next on Monday, February 23, also studying Romans.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Carolyn Allen's recovery
- Family of the week: Bassem Nader, Lara El Ferezli and their children Yasmina and Jonathan

SERMON

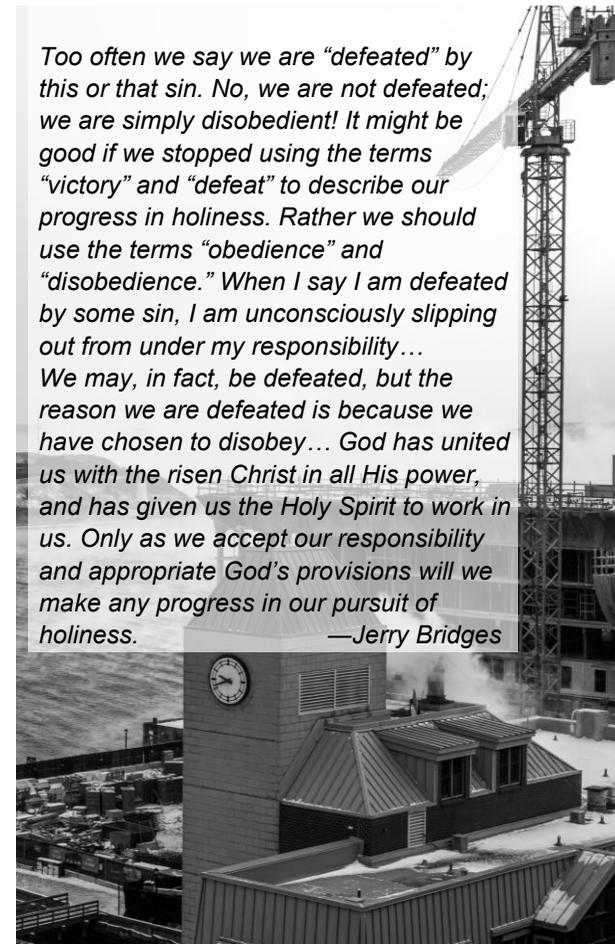
The Gospel Comes with New Clothes Colossians 3:5-17

Being in Christ comes with a new way of life.

This new way of life is lived by:

1) **Putting off the Old Self** (v.5-9)

2) **Putting on the New Self** (v.10-17)



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

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 22, 2026
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him
glorious praise.

**People: All the earth worships you; they sing
praises to you, sing praises to your
name.** —Psalm 66:1-2,4

HYMN OF PRAISE

To God be the Glory

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” ¹⁸Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall

become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

—Genesis 2:5-14

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 1A

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbours. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. —1 Peter 2:24

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Praise Him

It is Well (Trinity 476)

GOSPEL READING

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He

said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

—John 1:35-42

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

NEW TESTAMENT READING

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has

forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:5-17

SERMON

The Gospel Comes with New Clothes

Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

PROFESSING OUR FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

THE LORD’S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

BENEDICTION

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 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!