

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, March 4, 2026: English Conversation Group. The Group will be on March break until the next meeting on April 1, 2026.

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026: Seniors' Lunch hosted at the church. This will be a time of fellowship and encouragement. It is open to anyone who is 55 years or older.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Meets next on March 4. Studying 1 Samuel.
- **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 on Wednesday, March 4. On break until March 25 when the study on Joshua starts. The 7:15 p.m. Monday evening study on Romans meets March 2, 9 and 23.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

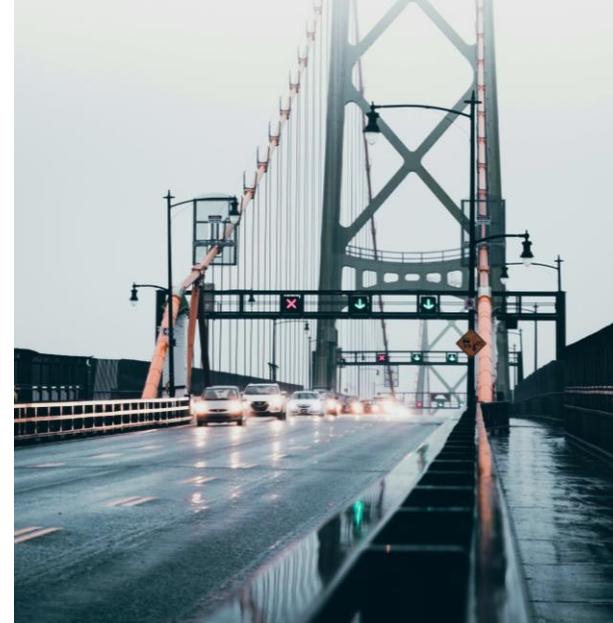
- Carolyn Allen's recovery
- Praying for artists and the Perrie family

SERMON Listen to God's Son Luke 9:28-36

- 1) Jesus' Glory Exposed
Luke 9:28-29
- 2) Jesus' Exodus Discussed
Luke 9:30-31
- 3) Jesus' Culmination Revealed
Luke 9:32-35
- 4) Jesus' Sufficiency Recognized
Luke 9:36
- 5) So then—Listen to Him!

Our culture does not help us to smash our graven image of the casual god. Our culture proclaims that God must be the essence of tolerance; He is chummy rather than holy; the man upstairs 'rather than my Father for Jesus' sake. So long as our novelty license plates declare that "God is my co-pilot" we can be sure that we have not yet seen the King, Yahweh of hosts.

—Dale Ralph Davis



OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Elders

Jim Poopalapillai—Pastor
Peter Bustin
Reid Campbell
Will Perrie
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Deacons

David Campbell
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Don Codling

HOW TO GIVE

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BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 1, 2026
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Minister: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Minister: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

HYMN OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

OLD TESTAMENT READING

³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. —Genesis 3:1-7

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbours in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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. 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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. —Isaiah 53:4-6

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Once Again
Build my Life

GOSPEL READING

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called

you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." —John 1:43-51

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

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen. — Luke 9:28-36

SERMON

Listen to God's Son
Pastor Steve Savage

CLOSING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. —1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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!