



Bedford Presbyterian Church

**49 Nelsons Landing Boulevard
Bedford, Nova Scotia
bedfordpca.org**

Come and Claim Halifax for Christ!

Our city presents both challenges and opportunities for the gospel. Some have never heard the gospel; most do not attend church; and others have drifted from their faith and from biblical truth. Yet, we trust that the Lord is at work, calling many to himself and stirring hearts toward faith, growth and revival.

There is much spiritual work to be done here. The Lord's people need to be nourished by the Word and surely the Lord has many that are his in this city who need to be found. The fields are ripe and the harvest is indeed plentiful. Brother, are you a labourer? Is necessity laid upon you to preach Christ crucified? Like the man in Macedonia we are beckoning, come, help us!

Who We Are

Bedford Presbyterian Church is an established congregation of Christians of all ages from infants to people in their nineties. Like our community, the congregation represents a variety of ethnicities and backgrounds with newcomers to Canada joining our fellowship on a regular basis.

By God's gracious providence, our building is mortgage free and we have cash reserves in excess of 100 percent of our annual operating budget. In addition to our pastor, our church officers include four ruling elders and three deacons.

The Call

Our current pastor, who has ministered to us faithfully since 2013, will leave us later this year. We are now seeking a godly man to shepherd us and to preach the word of God for every area of our lives. We desire a man who will call us from our sins and comfort us in our miseries. We seek a pastor who can effectively address the young and the old, the babes in Christ, the discouraged, those who are lonely or hurt, the strong and confident believers, the backsliders, the liberals, the intellectuals and the agnostics. We need a pastor who will set our minds on heaven.

His preaching must be rooted in the doctrine and rich theological tradition of our reformed faith. His preaching should be experiential and relevant to our 21st century lives. He will work with Session and the church community to create a vibrant program of educational, fellowship, discipleship and outreach events.

The ideal pastor will encourage and train us in sharing the hope that we have in Christ. He will lead by example and go out into the highways and byways to proclaim the gospel to the lost. He will be committed to Christian education and take every opportunity to teach practical theology.

We seek a pastor who embraces hospitality as part of his ministry; visiting the sick, and taking the time to get to know the needs and cares of the members of our fellowship. He will warmly welcome the stranger among us and support our hospitality to them. He will whole-heartedly embrace the challenge of meeting the spiritual needs of our community.

Bedford Presbyterian Church offers an opportunity to work with a congregation that sees its city growing and desires the Kingdom of God to grow within it.





Our Church Life

- Morning worship service
Sundays, monthly
Communion
- Refreshments and
fellowship after worship
service
- Church community and
guests mingle for potluck
lunches, games nights,
pizza nights, Mother's Day
luncheons, men's breakfasts
- Special services on
Christmas Eve, Good Fridays

Internal ministries

- Children's Sunday school
- Dedicated music team
- Several adult Bible studies
- English conversation group
for newcomers to our area
- Congregational care
and support for families
experiencing difficulties
- Lord's Day Service and
other special services live
streamed
- Sermons on the website

Outreach ministries

- International Students
Ministry Canada
- Open Door Centre for youths
making critical life decisions
- Malagash Bible Camp
- Beacon House for people
experiencing financial
adversity
- Missionaries ministering in
countries around the globe

Our History

Bedford Presbyterian Church was planted in 1976 as Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church. In 1982 it joined the Presbyterian Church in America. After meeting for a number of years in rented spaces in central Halifax, in 1989 the congregation moved within Halifax to the residential community of Bedford and changed their name to Bedford Presbyterian Church.

This move enabled the church to become a closer, more identifiable part of a community, to purchase land and to build a permanent church home. In December 1991, Bedford Presbyterian Church held its first service in its new (and present) home at 49 Nelsons Landing Boulevard.



Our City

Nova Scotia is a unique and remarkably beautiful place to put down roots. With over 13,000 km of coastline and a multitude of parks and sports facilities, it offers an abundance of recreational opportunities. Halifax's population is 530,000 strong and growing daily with people moving to this area from other parts of Canada and from countries around the world. Halifax is rich in educational choices with four universities and public/private/Christian schools. The city is home to the IWK Children's Hospital and the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Both institutions are teaching and research hospitals providing tertiary care to Atlantic Canada.

There is something for everyone locally—from skating outside on the Halifax Oval to exploring the museum at Citadel Hill National Historic Site or attending an outdoor concert on the Halifax Commons. There are professional soccer, hockey and lacrosse teams for sports enthusiasts. Halifax Metro has a splendid landscape with many beaches, parks, lakes and hiking trails.

Nova Scotia has a rich cultural heritage derived from the variety of people who call this land home. Halifax is the centre of a vibrant

East Coast Music scene as well as a variety of top-notch cultural institutions such as art galleries, Symphony Nova Scotia, Neptune Theatre, the Dalhousie Arts Centre, the Halifax Jazz Festival and numerous smaller venues and festivals for taking in a play or musical performance.

Halifax is visited by more than 200 cruise ships each season, drawn here by its vibrant waterfront and the many historical, cultural and recreational attractions.

Bedford is just a 15-minute drive from the Halifax waterfront and 20 minutes from Halifax Stanfield International Airport, a regional hub with direct flights to Canadian, European and U.S. cities.

Halifax is a major shipping port serving over 250 destinations. It is the shopping, financial, business and research hub of the Atlantic Provinces. Home to Maritime Forces Atlantic of the Royal Canadian Navy, there is a significant military presence. Nova Scotia is overflowing with history, be it tragic (Halifax Explosion of 1917) or triumphant (the Schooner Bluenose on the Canadian dime). It is a fascinating province to explore.





Pulpit Church Committee Members

Adam Bent, Reid Campbell, Chi Perrie, Honza Pokorny, Laura Priddle, Emily Walker, Edward Woolley

Application Requirements

Please refer to the PCA website for further information on the ordination process.

To apply, please send the following to campbell.d.reid@gmail.com

- Resume
- Completed Ministry Data Form (MDF)
- Letter of application outlining your reasons for applying for this position
- Link to audio/video sermon recordings
- Three references



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