NOVEMBER 8, 2026 **10:30A.M.**

The mission, vision, and purpose of New Bedford Evangelical Presbyterian Church is to love, know and serve the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We* Love God *through worship,* Know God *through Growth Groups, and* Serve God *by using our gifts both outside and inside the church.

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS- Salute to the Armed Forces

***CALL TO WORSHIP – (1 Corinthians 13)**
Leader: God's Word tells us that love is patient and kind.
People: It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
Leader: Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered.
People: It keeps no record of wrongs. It does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
Leader: Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
People: Love never fails.

A HYMN OF PRAISE #221 Love Lifted Me

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER, 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM - "Walls Come Down"

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***A HYMN OF PREPARATION #226 O How I Love Jesus**
(Children dismissed for J.A.M. kids – meet leader at sanctuary door)

SERMON SERIES - 1 John: Children of Love and Light

HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – 1 John 4: 7-21

SERMON- "God is Love"

***THE CLOSING HYMN #289 Blessed Assurance**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING**
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks
POSTLUDE

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Pastor: Elija Bombeck
Head Usher: Nate Book
Director of Music Ministry: Donna Fox
Praise Team Director: Jocilyn Csernyik
Director/Family Ministry: Lee Harris
Director/Children's Ministry: Dawn Harris
Sound/Video Technician: Nathan Book
Nursery Attendant: Brenda Miller
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Please remember in prayer the following persons who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have requested prayer.
Doris Spence----------Ridgecrest of McCandless
Shirley Sikora----------Quality of Life Services

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****J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Kids during both service.....Children in PreK – Gr. 3 are invited for a Bible lesson, craft, games. Parents can pick up their child after the service in the education wing.***

WORSHIP OF PRAYER AND PRAISE 8:30A.M.

WORSHIP TEAM PRELUDE

Because He Lives

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
Noel
King of Kings

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CLOSING SONG- *Because He Lives

***BENEDICTION**

God is Love — Message Notes

Text: 1 John 4:7-21

I. Inconceivable!!

You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means

II. What is Love?

Love:

- All _____ _____
- _____
- Described; not precisely _____

III. God is Love

1.) God = Love (_____ _____)
i.e. Triangle

2.) God ← Love (_____ _____)
i.e. 'Alarum'

3.) God → Love (_____ _____ _____)
i.e. Green

'In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, *not that we have loved God but that he loved us* and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.' 1 John 4:9-10

Not our understanding —_____

But, _____ _____ _____

IV. Love Understood

God's Love → Love One Another

We are in _____ _____; God is not in _____ _____

i.e. My Pool vs. The Ocean

V. Love in Practice

Positive:

Perfect Love _____

Demons Fyodor Dostoevsky (Kirilov)

Negative:

I love _____; I hate my _____

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

8:30A.M. Contemporary Service
9:30A.M. Sunday School for all ages
10:30A.M. Traditional Worship Service
1:00P.M. Sr. High Youth Group meets
2:30P.M. Jr. High Youth Group meets

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

6:30P.M. Praise Team practice
7:00P.M. Administration Committee meets

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026

10:00A.M. The Weight group meets
6:30P.M. Mission Committee meets

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

5:00P.M. Awana
6:00P.M. Choir rehearsal
7:00P.M. Bible Study
7:15P.M. Bell Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

6:30P.M. Worship Committee meets

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

8:00A.M Men's Ministry

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Please fill out a yellow Welcome slip located in the pews or on the Welcome Cart in the Narthex. Place it in the offering plate on the Welcome Cart.

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There is a kid's table in the vestibule with coloring or activity papers and fidget items that can be used during the service. Please return items following the service.



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Deacons will be assembling food boxes to those in need for Christmas. If you'd like to help with this outreach, there is a blue decorated box in the Narthex for all non-perishable donations. Thank you!

Women's Christmas Dinner



All women of the church are invited to a Christmas dinner at the Gatherings on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Cost is $25; for those over 80 cost is $20.
We hope you will join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship! Please bring a wrapped $10 gift for a gift exchange game.
Sign-up in the Narthex on November 8, 15, 22 and 29. Please pay when registering.

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Poinsettia Sign-Up

Deacons will be taking flower orders for Christmas starting Nov. 15 – Nov. 29 between services. Double poinsettias color choices. Red, White or Picasso (predominantly pink with a smattering of red & white) 8" round pots $16.00. Must be paid for when ordering.

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There will be a congregational meeting November 22nd in between services at 9:30. The purpose of this meeting is for electing new officers and receiving the budget.



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December Redeeming Times Newsletter. All information and/or articles need to be submitted by Noon on Friday, November 20th to be included in the December newsletter.

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The church office will be closed November 25th, 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving. If you have any announcements for the Bulletin for Nov 29th please have it to the church office by noon on Tuesday Nov. 24th.

