

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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.*

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE- Hand Bell Choir "Angel Medley"

### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Love - By John Morris & Mary Morris

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP-

Leader: Love has come down to dwell among us.

People: We rejoice in the gift of love that brings hope and healing.

Leader: As we light the fourth candle of Advent, we remember that love is patient, kind, and everlasting.

People: Let us reflect God's love in our words, actions, and lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of love!

#### \*A HYMN OF PRAISE #163 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

### 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- "One Small Child"

Soloists- Anna Taylor, Jacob Taylor & Kinley Williams

#### \*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 # 157 Away in a Manger

(Children dismissed for J.A.M. kids – meet leader at sanctuary door)

### SERMON- "The Fight"

### HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – Ephesians 6: 10-20

#### \*THE CLOSING HYMN #161 Joy to the World

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

#### \*THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

His name is called Emmanuel.

God is with us, Revealed in us.

His name is called Emmanuel.

#### THE POSTLUDE-

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Guest Preacher: Bill McCoy

Head Usher: Nathan Book

Director of Music Ministry: Donna Fox

Praise Team Director: Amy Geisinger

Director/Family Ministry: Lee Harris

Director/Children's Ministry: Dawn Harris

Sound/Video Technician: Nathan Book

Nursery Attendant: Brenda Miller

Church Secretary: Jaime McCarthy

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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.*

Lavon Rogers-----John XXIII Nursing Home

Doris Spence-----Ridgecrest of McCandless

Ron Tremba-----Continuing Healthcare of Bordman

Carlotta Doverspike-----The Grove nursing home

Elaine Hepler-----St Elizabeth/Mercy Health Hospital

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*\*J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Kids during the 10:30 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**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

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### **\*SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

*Here I Am to Worship*

*Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

*Wonderful Merciful Savior*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER-**

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### **HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON- Ephesians 6: 10-20**

### **\*CLOSING SONG- O Come All Ye Faithful**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

8:30A.M. Contemporary Service

9:30A.M. Sunday School

10:30A.M. Traditional Worship Service

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

6:30P.M. Deacons meet

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

7:00P.M. Christmas Eve Worship Service

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Please fill out a yellow slip located in the pews or on the Welcome Cart in the Narthex. These are for prayer requests and/or visitors who would like more information about our church. Place it in the offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary or on the Welcome Cart.

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



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We will be going Christmas caroling in the community today December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the church at 2 pm anyone who is interested is welcome to join us in spreading Christmas cheer.

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Congratulations to Jake & Lillian Emery on the birth of their daughter Rita James Emery. She was born on December 11<sup>th</sup> weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

CONGRATULATIONS



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Thank you to the congregation for your gracious generosity for the Thank offering in November That went to The City Rescue Mission in New Castle. We raised \$1,193.00 to donate to this mission.

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Ron Tremba has been moved to O'Brien Memorial Health Care Center  
563 Brookfield Ave, Masury, OH 44438

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING-** The special offering envelopes that are in your bulletins on 12/21 & 12/24 for the Christmas Offering for 2025 will be directed to Be.cause International, The Shoe That Grows. Alleviate poverty by ending shoelessness. The shoe that grows expands five sizes and lasts for years, protecting health and access to education for kids impacted by poverty and crisis worldwide. We appreciate your support.



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Will Be Closed:

The Church office will be closed December 24, 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas. If you have any announcements for the December 28<sup>th</sup> Bulletin, please have them to the office by noon on Tuesday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Email office at [newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com](mailto:newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com) or 724-964-8055

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We will be doing a combine January/February Newsletter. Please have all information and or articles submitted by Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup> by noon. Thank you!



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Officer Training meeting will be held January 17<sup>th</sup> 9A.M.- Noon. All Officers, Elders and Deacons, returning and new, are encouraged to attend this training. This training is required by our Book of Order and is also a great time of fellowship and for making goals for the upcoming year.

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The 2026 Church Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the Vestibule. If You can not find yours please see Bonnie or call 724-977-1251.

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We would like to THANK everyone that helped with Breakfast in Bethlehem this year! Whether you helped with hauling everything into the church, or the many nights of setting up, or helped the day of Breakfast in Bethlehem with bringing animals in, or with the tear down and put away! THANK YOU! This Community outreach is not possible without your help!