**MAY 4, 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.***

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
**PRELUDE- "In the Garden Medley"**
***CALL TO WORSHIP- Adapted from Psalm 104**
**Praise the LORD, O my soul.**
**O LORD my God, you are very great;**
**You are clothed with splendor and majesty.**
**He wraps Himself in light as with a garment;**
**He stretches out the heavens like a tent**
**And lays the beams of His upper chambers on their waters.**
**He makes the clouds His chariot**
**And rides of the wings of the wind.**
**He makes winds His messengers,**
**Flames of fire His servants.**
**How many are your works, O LORD!**
**In wisdom you made them all.**
**Praise the LORD, O my soul**

***A HYMN OF PRAISE # 41 When Morning Guilds the Skies**

**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 and ever. Amen.***

**CHOIR ANTHEM – "Blessing After Blessing"**

***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 #84 I Sing the Mighty Power of God**
**(Children dismissed for J.A.M. kids – meet leader at sanctuary door)**
**HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – Hebrews 1:1-14**
**SERMON- "Why Jesus is the Only One to Turn To"**
***THE CLOSING HYMN # 303 Be Thou My Vision**
***THE BENEDICTION-**
***THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING**
**Praise the name of Jesus**
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**He's my Rock, He's my Fortress,**
**He's my Deliverer in Him will I trust;**
**Praise the name of Jesus!**
**THE POSTLUDE- "Lord of the Dance"**
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**Pastor: Dan Muttart**
**HEAD USHER: Gary Geisinger**
**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.***
**Lavon Rogers----------John XXIII Nursing Home**
**Doris Spence----------Ridgecrest of McCandless**
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**If you need to contact Pastor Dan his number is 412-427-2086**
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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. Check the order of worship for dismissal to meet the leader at the Sanctuary door. Parents can pick up their child after the service in the education wing.***

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

**WORSHIP TEAM PRELUDE**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

**Everlasting God**

***Ancient Words***

***Be Unto Your Name***

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

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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Rusty James Nail**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – Hebrews 1:1-14**

**SERMON- "Why Jesus is the Only One to Turn To"**

***CLOSING SONG- Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

***BENEDICTION -**

## *MEMORIAL DAY 2025*

**The 129th annual New Bedford Memorial Day program will be held on Saturday, May 24th at 11:00a.m. at Memorial Park near Hopewell Cemetery in New Bedford. A parade will precede the program. All veterans from New Bedford, Pulaski and Frizzleburg are welcome to walk in the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone who has a vintage/classic car is also encouraged to join the parade. Local businesses may join in the parade. Parade participants will be meeting in the parking lot of the old New Bedford School near the Lion's Park by 10:00 a.m. The parade should start by 10:30 a.m.**
**Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come honor our veterans at the parade and to stay for the heart-warming service at Memorial Park.**
**The program will be held at New Bedford EPC if it is raining that day. The parade will conclude at the NBEPC if it is not raining, but the Memorial Park grounds are too muddy for use.**

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**We are looking to participate in a social event if there are enough people interested. The Mahoning Valley Scrappers play at home on Sunday, June 22nd at 2:05 pm. The van seats around 12 people. The goal was to try and get younger adults together for an outing. As things get closer more information will be provided with the final details. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. For more info, please see Dustin Boczar in early service or email him at dboz96@gmail.com**

## SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

**8:30A.M.** Contemporary Worship Service
**9:30A.M.** Sunday School for all ages
**10:30A.M.** Traditional Worship Service

## TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

**9:15A.M.** The Weight Group

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

**5:00P.M.** Serving Growth Group meets
**6:00P.M.** Choir rehearsal
**7:00P.M.** Bible Study
**7:15P.M.** Handbell Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

**6:30P.M.** Evangelism Committee meets
**6:30P.M.** Worship Committee meets

## SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

**8:00A.M.** Men's Bible Study meets

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**Please fill out a yellow welcome slip located the pew if you have prayer requests or visitors liking more information about our church, and place it in the offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary.**

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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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**Please know we love the sound of children in church. It is the sound of life, growth, and experiencing worship. You and your family are never a disruption. If you feel the need, there is a staffed nursery available during both services and Sunday School in the education wing.**

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**For more information about New Bedford EPC Growth Groups stop by the Welcome Cart in the Vestibule.**

This morning, we are honored to perform the Sacrament of Baptism of Rusty James Nail. Rusty's parents are Andy and Kayla Nail. His grandparents are Gary & Tracy Smith and James & Melody Nail. Join us in celebrating this special day with the family!




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Help Advertise VBS: yard signs are in the lobby that need to be placed in the community to advertise VBS. The location of where to place it are on a post it note on the sign. Thanks for assisting with getting the VBS yard signs distributed.

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Needed for VBS clean glass jars- size 8 -32oz (lids not needed)

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If you or your child/children are graduating from High School, Trade School, or College please contact the Church Office so that all graduates can be recognized. We will be having Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday on Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 AM Service. The deadline for graduate information is May 11.

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Our Deepest Sympathy's to the Family of Wilson James (Pete) Carlisle. His son David Carlisle & his wife Jane McPhearson, Jim & Margret Carlisle. Pete went to be with the Lord April 28th. He was a long time and active member of this Church. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. A memorial/celebration of life service is planned for August 3rd after the second service in the Fellowship Hall.




I would like to give a Big Thank You to Shirley Snyder & the other ladies of the Church for the beautiful and patriotic lap robe. – Ted Hilliard

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There will be a congregational meeting in between services on May 18th. This meeting will be held to vote on the slate for the Pastoral Search Committee. If you have any questions, please let Taylor Velez know.

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<u>Save the Date:</u> June 21st our playground dedication with Pastor Dan officiating.
Coffee, tea, juice and donuts at 9:30 with the dedication starting at 10:00.
This is the Dedication of the James D. Emery playground, the Sam Jones swing and the dedication of 4 benches inside the playground fence for Jason Clark, Tiffany Bell, Chad Taylor and Lillian Fulkman.




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<u>Save the Date</u>: Saturday August 2nd we will be having our annual Community Day outreach at Lyons Park. More information to come at a later date.

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Thank you for the shoe donations for the Wilmington PTO. Gently used or new shoes will continue to be collect until the goal of 2,500 is reached. The donation box is the vestibule.



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# WHY JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE TO TURN TO
## No U-Turns - Part 1

## Today's Scriptures

*1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.*

*5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." 7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."*

*8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." 10 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."*

*13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? 14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?* Hebrews 1:1-14 (NIV)

# Message Notes

**1. BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS MORE THAN A _____ OR _____ FIGURE.**

*[1] In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways…* Hebrews 1:1 (NIV)

*[2] "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."* Micah 5:2 (NIV)

*[6] For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

*[25] He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! [26] Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" [27] And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*
Luke 24:25-27 (NIV)

*[2] …but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son…*
Hebrews 1:2a (NIV)

*[3] The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.* Hebrews 1:3a (NIV)

*[2] …whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.* Hebrews 1:2b (NIV)

**2. BELIEVE THAT NO BEING ANYWHERE WILL EVER BE _____ TO HIM.**

*[5] For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"?* Hebrews 1:5a (NIV)

*[6] And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."* Hebrews 1:6 (NIV)

*[7] In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."* Hebrews 1:7 (NIV)

*[6] And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."*
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*[13] To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?*
Hebrews 1:13 (NIV)

**3. BELIEVE THAT EVERY BEING IS ULTIMATELY _____ TO HIM.**

*[14] Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?* Hebrews 1:14 (NIV)

*[5] Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." [6] He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.*
1 Kings 19:5-6 (NIV)

*[31] "And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."* Matthew 24:31 (NIV)

## NEXT WEEK:
## Concluding the Sermon Series
## "No U-Turns"
## Hebrews 2:8b-18

# Blessing Jar Ministry

The Service growth group is asking for your help to bless those in need in our community!

Is your purse getting heavy from all that spare change? Well, grab a jar and start collecting!

We are asking you collect your spare change in a jar until the end of the year. We will then collect those jars on Sunday, December 7 and distribute to needy families for Christmas.

If you know of a family in need, you are welcome to give them your jar or you can give us their name and we will distribute.

If you have a jar at home, you can use any size you want or we have some jars available.

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## Spring Community Lunch

**In an attempt to bring more people to faith in Jesus and to attend our church, the service growth group is offering a spring lunch to community members. We are hoping to do this a few times a year with the intention of reaching out to families and individuals who desire to know more about Jesus and our church. Please help us to be the hands and feet of Jesus and disciple to our community! Spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and relatives who don't know Jesus- tell them about the lunch for some fun and friendship! If you know someone planning to attend, please let one of us know so that we can plan accordingly. If you would like to help serve, please see Dama, Angie, Ken, Shannon or Dee.**

