MAY 18, 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- "Just a Closer Walk" Handbell Choir

MUSIC APPRECIATION – Donna Fox

***CALL TO WORSHIP- Adapted from Psalm 18**
I love you, O LORD, my strength.
I call on the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
And I am saved from my enemies.
You O LORD keep my lamp burning;
My God turns my darkness into light.
With your help I can advance against a troop;
With my God I can scale a wall.
Therefore, I will praise you among the nations, O LORD;
I will sing praises to your name.

***A HYMN OF PRAISE # 5 Fairest Lord Jesus**

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ADULT- Abigail Marissa Dockerty

CHOIR ANTHEM – "Raise a Hallelujah"

***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 #249 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**
(Children dismissed for J.A.M. kids – meet leader at sanctuary door)

HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – Hebrews 12:1-3

SERMON- "Having a Persevering Faith"
***THE CLOSING HYMN # 248 His Eye Is on the Sparrow**
***THE BENEDICTION-**
***THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING**
Praise the name of Jesus
Praise the name of Jesus
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress,
He's my Deliverer in Him will I trust;
Praise the name of Jesus!
THE POSTLUDE- "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
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WORSHIP OF PRAYER AND PRAISE 8:30A.M.

WORSHIP TEAM PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

The Heart of Worship
Cornerstone
Blessed Be Your Name

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM- Bennett Joseph Krisuk

HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – Hebrews 12:1-3

SERMON- "Having a Persevering Faith"

CLOSING SONG- *Give Me Jesus

***BENEDICTION -**



PASTOR DAN IS OFFERING FREE BOOKS. As Pastor Dan moves toward retirement, He is radically paring down his library and going all digital. He has already taken the books from his office book shelf that he has for his new home bookshelf. The rest are up for grabs. You can take any Christian self-help, commentary or theology book from his office shelf. First come first serve! Towards the end of May, those books not taken will be disposed of. Now's the perfect time to build your Christian library… for free!

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Save the Date: 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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Save the Date: 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.



SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

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

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

9:30A.M.	Ruth Circle meets
6:30P.M.	Deacons meet
6:30P.M.	Veterans Bible Study Meet

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

7am-8pm	Primary Election Day
9:15A.M.	The Weight Group
9:30A.M.	Deborah Circle meets
6:30P.M.	Mission Committee meets
7:00P.M.	Christiam Education Committee meets

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

9:30A.M.-Noon	VBS Work Day/prep time
5:00P.M.	Serving Growth Group meets
5-8P.M.	VBS Work Day/prep time
7:00P.M.	Bible Study

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

7:00P.M.	Session meets

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

10:30A.M.	Memorial Day parade & program

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Please fill out a yellow welcome slip located in 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.



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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This morning we celebrate with the Krisuk family the baptism of Benny. Joining parents Mike and Carla this morning are grandparents Ed and Janet Krisuk, and Fred and Marie Gentile. Though we don't have godparents in the Presbyterian Church, standing with and supporting the family are Mike Burkett and Maureen Gentile

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Adult Baptism of Abigail Marissa Dockerty. It is truly special in the life of any church when an adult comes to faith in Jesus and is baptized for the first time. Today we baptize Abigail Dockery, who is like a grandchild to member Jim Parris and has been attending with him for some time. She came to first-time faith through our Sunday services. Congratulations Abigail and welcome to the family of faith



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

Items needed for VBS. If you are willing to donate an item, please check out the VBS display on the vestibule. Thank you.

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The Deacons invite you to come and help us celebrate our graduates at the 10:30 service on June 1. You are welcome to join us for cake and drink following the service!



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

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E.P.I.C. Boating Trip at Moraine State Park and lunch on June 26th. Boat capacity is 40 people, reserve your spot today in the vestibule. Reservation and money due June 15th

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Thank you to my church family for all of your prayers, cards and meals that I have received during my surgery and recovery period. They were very much appreciated. I ask for continued prayers for my long recovery ahead.

Thank you, Donna Fox

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.

If you are riding on the church VBS float meet at New Bedford Church at 9:30. Contact Dawn 330-881-8110 if you are participating.

HAVING A PERSEVERING FAITH
No U-Turns - Part 3

Today's Scriptures

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

Message Notes

1. THRILL TO THE CHEERS OF _____.

1 …a great cloud of witnesses… Hebrews 12:1a (NIV)

2. THROW OFF WHAT _____ YOU _____.

1 …let us throw off everything that hinders…
Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)

24 "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness…" Luke 21:34 (NLT)

18 "The seeds that fell among the thornbushes are also people who hear the message. 19 But they start worrying about the needs of this life… and…all kinds of other things. So the message gets choked out, and they never produce anything."
Mark 4:18-19 (CEV)

3. THROW OFF THE _____ THAT _____ YOU UP.

1 …and the sin that so easily entangles…
Hebrews 12:1c (NIV)

19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.
Galatians 5:19-21 (NIV)

4. LOOK UP TO YOUR _____ AND _____.

2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus… Hebrews 12:2a (NIV)

1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.
1 Peter 2:1 (NIV)

2 …the author…of our faith… Hebrews 12:2b (NIV)

2 …the…perfecter of our faith… Hebrews 12:2c (NIV)

2 …sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:2e (NIV)

5. STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU'VE BEEN _____.

1 …let us run with endurance the race that is set before us…
Hebrews 12:1d (ESV)

2 …endured the cross, scorning its shame…
Hebrews 12:2d (NIV)

3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
Hebrews 12:3 (NIV)

3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
Romans 5:3-5 (NIV)

37 For in a very short time,"The One who is coming will come and will not be delayed. 38 Those who are right with me will live by faith.But if they turn back with fear,I will not be pleased with them."
Hebrews 10:37-38 (NCV)

6 …that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

17 …no weapon forged against you will prevail…
Isaiah 54:17 (NIV)

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. Isaiah 40:4 (NIV)

NEXT WEEK:
Concluding the Sermon Series
"No U-Turns"
Hebrews 13:1-6