NOVEMBER 15, 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
PRELUDE
***CALL TO WORSHIP – (1 John 3-5)**
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Leader: How do we know victory is assured?
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A HYMN OF PRAISE # 27 Heavenly Sunlight

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.

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM - "Fantasia on Hymn to Joy"

***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 # 282 More Love to Thee**
(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 5: 1-5

SERMON- "Overcoming the World"

***THE CLOSING HYMN # 133 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story**
***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

Same God

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

Blessed Be Your Name

Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)

It Is Well with My Soul

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CLOSING SONG- *Same God

***BENEDICTION**

Overcoming the World — Message Notes

Text: 1 John 5:1-5

I. Identity

What makes you a Christian?

Belief + Christ = _____

A.) God's Part:

Born of God → _____ _____

Born Again: Radical Transformation of _____ _____

God works in you when you believe

B.) Your Part:

Work towards Love in _____

Two Errors

1.) God Does Work → Nothing You Can Do →

_____

2.) Must Respond → Follow Commands →

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II. Love & Commandments

Love God by Obeying _____ _____

'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' Matthew 11:28-30

'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me' Mark 8:34

Resolution:

Easy: Follow Commands -

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Difficult: World Makes it Hard -

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III. Overcoming the World

'For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?' v. 4-5

What side are you on?

_____!

Even when it seems like that side is losing

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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 16, 2026

9:30A.M. Ruth Circle meets
6:30P.M. Praise Team practice

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026

9:30A.M. Deborah Circle meets
10:00A.M. The Weight group meets
6:30P.M. Christian Education Committee meets

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

11:00A.M. E.P.I.C. meets
6:30P.M. Elizabeth Circle meets
6:30P.M. Veterans Bible study meets

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026

9:00A.M Rebecca Circle meets

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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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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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2026 Thank Offering Sunday is November 22nd. Promises of Life Network is who that we will be collecting the Thank Offering. There will be special offering envelopes included in your bulletin today and Nov 22nd.



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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 15, 22 and 29. Please pay when registering.

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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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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.



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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!



Breakfast in Bethlehem – Many Hands are Needed!

Saturday, December 12, 8:30 – 11:00

It takes MANY helping hands to make **Breakfast in Bethlehem** a special and memorable experience for our church family and community!

Please consider sharing your time and talents! Whether you help with preparations beforehand, work during the event, or assist with cleanup, every helping hand makes a difference.

As you volunteer, you will have the opportunity to experience the true meaning of Christmas in a special way—to step into the story of Jesus' birth, share His love with others, and be reminded of the greatest gift of all. Let your time be the special gift you give this Christmas.

HELP IS NEEDED!

Before the Event:

Setting up the Marketplace and a new room – Follow the Star to Bethlehem (MANY hands are needed in these areas.)

Organizing Craft Materials

Costume: Organizing and Hanging the Costumes

After the Event: **MANY are needed.**

Taking Down the Marketplace and the " Follow the Star to Bethlehem" room.

Gathering and Packing Costumes

During the Event:

In the Marketplace:

- **Pottery Shop**
- **Carpenter's Shop**
- **Nativity Scene (Mary, Jospeh and baby Jesus)**
- **Bethlehem Food Shop**
- **Live Animal Displays**
- **Roman Soldiers**
- **Mary's Kitchen**
- **Temple**

In the Craft Room: **Craft Helpers**

In the Photography Room: **Helpers are needed to put together the photo card that families receive** .

Follow the Star to Bethlehem Room: **Tour Guides** (Reading from a script and leading families through the experience), **Tour Organizers** (Helping with forming groups to be led through the experience), and **Helpers in the Nativity Area**.

In the Kitchen: **Cooks, dishwashers, servers, and clean up**

Registration:: **Gather contact information**.

Costume Room: **Help families with selection of needed costumes.**

Come be part of bringing Bethlehem to life! We would love to have you join us!

(Signup sheet is in the narthex.)

Questions: Contact Brad or Marty Marshall

FALL 2026
Prayer Card

Mission Trip
November 17-21, 2026

Lee & Dawn Harris
Ozzy & Taylor Velez
Joe Yohman
Ethan Harris
Brandon Harris
Madison Shields
Layla Maggie
Marshall Whiting
Delaney Amalong



Mission Trip Destination
Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission
Dunlow, WV
Bill & Addie Likens

- Pray that the team will prepare for the trip spiritually and physically, and that God prepares us to accomplish His purpose.
- Pray that we will be spiritually sensitive to His direction and prompting.
- Pray for unity and strength for the mission team, to work harmoniously, support one another, and rely on God's love and grace as we face challenges.
- Pray that God's love and grace touch the lives of those we encounter and He will meet all their needs, spiritually and physically.
- Pray for the team member's personal growth in faith and wisdom during evening Bible studies.
- Pray for health, safety, and travel during the trip.

We appreciate every time you remember us in prayer.