JULY 6, 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

SERMON- Why Do We Do What We Do?

PRELUDE-

***CALL TO WORSHIP- Oh sing to the Lord a new song,**
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

***A HYMN OF PRAISE # 2 Holy, Holy, Holy**

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.

***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 # 388 Take My Life and Let It Be**
(Children dismissed for J.A.M. kids – meet leader at sanctuary door)

SERMON- Homily

***THE CLOSING HYMN # 450 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

***THE BENEDICTION-**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING**
GOD BLESS AMERICA, Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
GOD BLESS AMERICA, My home sweet home
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THE POSTLUDE-
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WORSHIP OF PRAYER AND PRAISE 8:30A.M.

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WORSHIP TEAM PRELUDE

Give Thanks

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

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SERMON- Homily

CLOSING SONG- *Give Thanks

***BENEDICTION -**

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

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

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

9:00A.M. The Weight Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

5:00P.M. Serving group
7:00P.M. Bible Study meets

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

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

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If you would like to order tee shirts or sweat shirts with the church logo on it, see the bulletin boards in the education wing for more info. There is a flyer with a QR code to place your order.



Save the Date: July 26th 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 Donald (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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The Evangelism Committee will be collecting school supplies for the Community Day event August 2nd. Items needed are



Pencil Boxes/Pouches,
#2 Yellow pencils,
pencil top erasers,
large pink erasers,
colored pencils, pencil sharpeners,
pens, crayons, markers, dry erase markers,
notebooks, index cards,
highlighters, plastic folders,
1inch 3 ring binders, loose leaf paper,
kid scissors, glue sticks, bookbags etc.
Please have the items here by July 27th. There will be a collection box in the Narthex.

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The Church office will be closed July 3rd- 8th. The office will reopen July 9th.

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle (2 Thessalonians 2:15).



The symbolism of fire being brought in to the sanctuary to light the candles is representative of the fire being carried from the brass altar located in the Outer Court to the Holy Place where the golden lampstand was lit. The fire on the brass altar consumed sacrifices; Sin, Trespass, and Fellowship Offerings (Leviticus 6:17).

PREPARATION

BRASS ALTAR

Five Sacrifices were offered on the brass altar (Leviticus 1-7): Burnt Offering reflecting total surrender to God (Luke 9:23, Colossians 3:3). Grain Offering demonstrating total surrender to God's Word (John 5:24, John 12:24). Peace Offering reflects peace with God and man (Romans 5:1-2). Sin Offering preparing the sanctuary (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Trespass Offering is the reconciling with others (Colossians 3:8-10) (Matthew 6:14-15).

Take this opportunity to also pray for the Minister, for those who gather to worship, for those providentially hindered, and for ourselves (B.O. 135).

Three types of prayers should be offered individually prior to the fire being carried into the sanctuary. These prayers are representative of the outer court sacrifices involving the brass altar. The sacrifices at the brass altar are required to be complete before entering the Holy Place to light the golden lampstand. The prayers focus on offering self to God, this is a time of commitment and rededication (Deuteronomy 6:5, Luke 10:27).

Prayer of confessing our sins

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:19, Leviticus 4).

Prayer of confessing our faults

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, [k]fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16, Leviticus 6).

Prayer of agreement

[18] "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. [19] "Again[d] I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. [20] For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:19-20).

BRONZE LAVER

Washing of hands and feet at the bronze laver (Exodus 30:17-21) was symbolic that the mess of preparing the sacrifices (blood, etc.) would be left in the outer court. Only the burning coals could be carried in using a censer for lighting the golden lampstand and for burning incense at the gold altar. Leave what is atoned for behind. Move forward with a clear conscience (Ephesians 5:26-33, Hebrews 10:19-25). Be thankful and recognize the atonement Christ made for us.

SYMBOLISM

Why is the fire carried in at the start of the service and carried out at the conclusion? The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out (Leviticus 6:8-13). The fire used on the altar is from God and authorized by Him (Leviticus 9:23b-24, 1 Kings 18:38-39). Strange fire is not to be brought before the Lord (Leviticus 10:1-4).

What does the light given represent? Light given by the golden lampstand is representative of Christ. I Am the light of the world (John 12:46). This transitions in Acts 13:47 as Christ proclaims to the believers that they are the lights of the world. We, as believers have the light through the Sealing and indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1-3, Acts 1:1-11, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Fire is associated with the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them (Acts 2:1-4). The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him – the Spirit of Wisdom, and of Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and of Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and Fear of the LORD – and He will delight in the Fear of the LORD. He will Judge with Righteousness (Isaiah 11).

How does this apply to me? As a believer in Christ, you become part of the priesthood, with Christ himself as the Great High Priest. You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9).

The lighting of the candles, is a physical reminder that we have spiritual tasks at hand. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22-24). The fire being brought in to the Sanctuary (Holy Place) symbolizes the process of renewal is complete (the veil has been passed from the Outer Court to the Holy Place). Through Scripture and prayer, our wills are to be aligned with the will of God. This is the start of the service.



5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:5-7).

