

JANUARY 4, 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-

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All Together: Come, let us worship the Lord with renewed joy and thanksgiving!

*A HYMN OF PRAISE # 176 We Three Kings of Orient Are

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- You Are My All in All

*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 # 368 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SERMON- "A VERSE FOR LIFE"

HOLY SCRIPTURE LESSON – PSALMS 138:8 (ESV)

*THE CLOSING HYMN # 244 Come, Thou Almighty King

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING

We will glorify the King of kings,
we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
who is the great I Am.

THE POSTLUDE-

Guest Preacher: Tim Ramsey

Head Usher:

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

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-----O'Brien Memorial Health Care Center

Carlotta Doverspike-----The Grove nursing home

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

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

WORSHIP TEAM PRELUDE

Because He Lives

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

Lord I Need You

No Longer Slaves

Jesus Loves Me

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CLOSING SONG- *Because He Lives

***BENEDICTION**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

6:30P.M. Worship Committee meets



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.

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



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.



Annual Reports: All committee and board secretaries or chairmen should start thinking about getting their Annual Reports ready. ALL REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th to be included in the 2025 Annual Report. The reports can be left on my desk or you can email your report to me at newbedfordepchurch@gmail.com Thank You!!

Officer Training meeting will be held January 17th 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.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we at the Marshall household are praying that you each had a wonderful Christ filled Christmas and have a wonderful New Year. We are very thankful for all who participated in Breakfast in Bethlehem.

This was the 26th year and due to all who helped in any way a great success. God blessed us with 195 registered participants attending. We estimate that with Wilmington Chorus, all those manning stations, making and serving food, bringing animals and the puppet show, there was over 250 attending. With your help we were able to share a bit of the true reason for Christmas with many families in a fun and memorable way. Thank you to all who participated. It takes the whole church to pull it off. Thank you for giving of your time and love to sharing Christ's love with so many. God bless you all!!

Sermon Out line

A VERSE FOR LIFE - PSALMS 138:8 (ESV)

Introduction: Belief Statements and the Ayoré people – We are what we believe...

My history with this verse...

“The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me” – A PURPOSE (KJV “perfect that *which concerns me*”)

God is sovereignty – Col 1:15 -17

God has a purpose (plan) for your life... What does that mean?

How do I figure that out? – Lady saying, “I married wrong, and my life is now wasted.”

What is God’s will?

Not a crap shoot. - Matt 19:6 Bible fell open... 3 times.

His calling is that you walk with him.. Eph 5:8,9,15-20 *Walk as children of light... Be careful how you walk... Understand what the will of the Lord is...*

His will has to do with the quality of your character. Don’t worry about the purpose, focus on your character. He has a plan, let him do it. Give in to Jesus Christ...

Ceci and I have seen his faithfulness over-and-over again... Trip to CA in August 1975 till today... He has never failed. Hindsight on 43 years of serving God as a missionary...

“Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever;” – A PROMISE

C.S. Lewis – Chronicles of Narnia. The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe

“...And no mistake” said Mrs. Beaver. “If there’s anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they’re either braver than most or else just silly.”

“Then he isn’t safe said Lucy....”

“Safe?” said Mr. Beaver ... “Who said anything about safe?

‘Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.”

What kind of God creates...? A safe God?

Because of our sin we live in a fallen and unsafe world that does not bend easily to our will and at times is terribly unfair from our human perspective. Don’t let that cloud your vision of a God who loves you so deeply he wants you to be by his side for all eternity.

His goodness flows out of his unconditional love for you and me. Fall into His love. Let it wrap you, let it envelop you, let it overwhelm you.

All that happens is wrapped in love and is part of an eternal plan. He cares for me. – Romans 8:35, 37-39
Josédate and her murdered daughter.

“Do not forsake (abandon, stop) the work of your hands” – A PRAYER

This takes trust, obedience, and submission. Jesus: “Not my will but yours be done.”

Make this a daily prayer.

Make him central!

Submit to God’s sovereign will and purposes.

Rest in His goodness...

Pray that whatever His purpose is for you that He would perfect it right up to the end.

Joy Bell Illustration...

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lead on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

Proverbs 3:5-8