

**SERMON**  
**The Gospel Home and Workplace**  
Colossians 3:18-4:1

The gospel reorients the home and workplace.

In light of the gospel, the home and workplace are meant to:  
**Serve Christ, Please Christ, and Reflect Christ**

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**HOW TO GIVE**

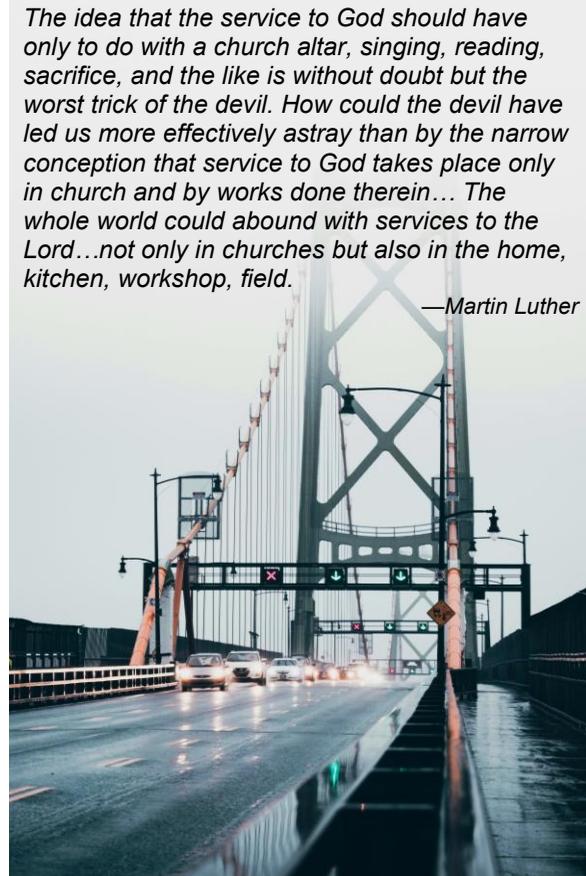
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This it to take place among:

1. **Wives and Husbands** (v.18-19)

2. **Parents and Children** (v.20-21)

3. **Employee and Employers** (v.22-25)



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

March 8, 2026  
[www.bedfordpca.org](http://www.bedfordpca.org)  
49 Nelsons Landing Blvd., Bedford, NS

**Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church**

We are glad to have you join us today. We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

**CHILDREN**

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3 to 10. Downstairs there is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

**UPCOMING**

**11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026:** Seniors' Lunch hosted at the church.

**After Service, Sunday March 15, 2026:** Affair of the Sausages Themed- Church Potluck

**12:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2026:** English Conversation Group.

**11:00 a.m., Friday, April 3, 2026:** Good Friday Service. There will be a breakfast served at 10:00am.

**10:00 a.m., Sunday April 5, 2026:** Easter Service. We will have our Regular Lord's Day Service.

**BIBLE STUDIES**

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Meets next on March 11. Studying 1 Samuel.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Laura Priddle. On break until March 25 when the study on Joshua starts. The 7:15 p.m. Monday evening study on Romans meets March 9 and 23.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

- Family of the week: the Pokorny family: Honza, Erin, Wyatt, Eliška and Remy

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: <sup>1</sup>Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People:** <sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
Psalm 95:1-2

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

And Can It Be

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

<sup>3</sup> <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her  
offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”  
—Genesis 3:8-15

#### CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

#### SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 4

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world’s rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, “Your sins are forgiven.” He also says, “Follow me.” Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever.  
—based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

#### SONGS OF RENEWAL

We Believe  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

#### GOSPEL READING

**2** On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or

thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days. —John 1:43-51

#### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Pokorny Family and Finance and Insurance Workers

#### THE 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.

#### DOXOLOGY

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. <sup>22</sup> Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance

as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

**4** Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.  
—Colossians 3:18-4:1

#### SERMON

The Gospel Home and Workplace  
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

#### CLOSING HYMN

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

#### BENEDICTION

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. — Hebrews 13: 20-21

#### DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**