

**SERMON**  
**No Longer Bystanders**  
Colossians 4:2-6

The Church is called to participate in God's Mission.

We participate in his mission by:

**1. Watchful Prayer** (v.2-4)

**2. Wise Witness** (v.5-6)

**OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Elders**

Jim Poopalapillai—Pastor  
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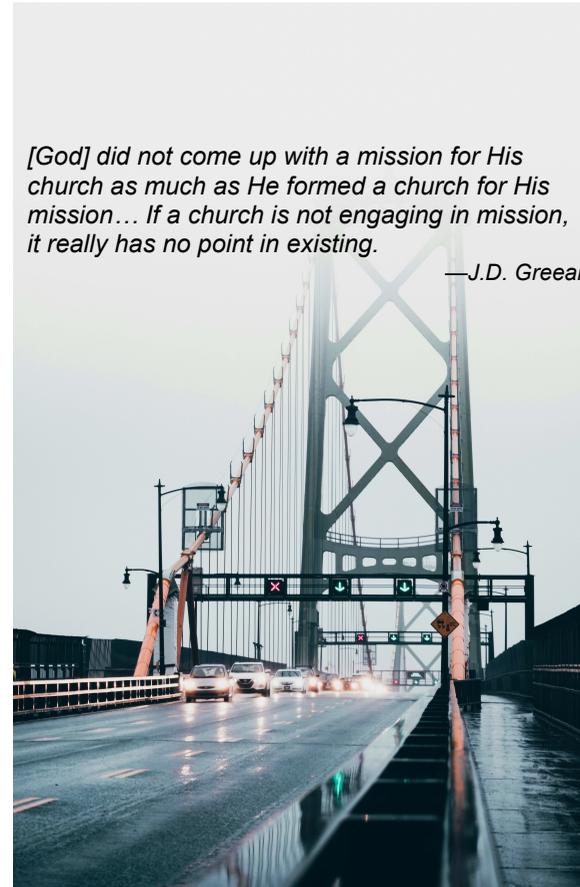
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**HOW TO GIVE**

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*[God] did not come up with a mission for His church as much as He formed a church for His mission... If a church is not engaging in mission, it really has no point in existing.*

—J.D. Greear

**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

March 15, 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**

**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 Priddle family, Nathan, Laura and their children Bryce, Audrey and Hannah.
- Semenov family as they grieve, pray especially for Vira (Tetiana's Mother)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Great and marvellous are your deeds,  
Lord God Almighty!

**People: Just and true are your ways, King of  
the ages.**

Minister: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring  
glory to your name?

**People: For you alone are holy. All nations will  
come and worship you!**

—Revelation 15:3-4

### HYMN OF PRAISE

King of Kings

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband  
and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your  
wife and have eaten of the tree of which I  
commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it  
all the days of your life;

<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because  
she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord  
God made for Adam and for his wife garments of  
skins and clothed them.<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God  
said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us  
in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out  
his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat,  
and live forever—” <sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent

him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground  
from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove out the man,  
and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed  
the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every  
way to guard the way to the tree of life.

—Genesis 3:16-24

### CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

### SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 139

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of  
you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.  
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule  
the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we  
offend you in minimizing your power and  
squandering your gifts. We confess that our  
blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted  
in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only  
mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus’  
name. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While  
we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we  
have now been justified by his blood, how much  
more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through  
him!

—Romans 5:8-9

### SONGS OF RENEWAL

All in All  
O Praise the Name

### GOSPEL READING

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and  
Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he  
found those who were selling oxen and sheep and  
pigeons, and the money-changers sitting  
there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove  
them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen.  
And he poured out the coins of the money-  
changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And he told

those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things  
away; do not make my Father's house a house of  
trade.” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was  
written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”  
<sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show  
us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered  
them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will  
raise it up.” <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “It has taken  
forty-six years to build this temple, and will you  
raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking  
about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore he  
was raised from the dead, his disciples  
remembered that he had said this, and they  
believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had  
spoken. —John 2:13-22

### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Priddle Family and the virtue of Patience

### 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>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in  
it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also  
for us, that God may open to us a door for the  
word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account  
of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear,  
which is how I ought to speak.  
<sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best  
use of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be  
gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know  
how you ought to answer each person.

—Colossians 4:2-6

### SERMON

No Longer Bystanders  
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

### CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

### BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

— Romans 15:13

### 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!**