

**SERMON**  
**The Community Project**  
**Colossians 4:7-18**

Gospel Ministry is done in community, thus we are to collectively seek **God's Goal**, with **our Goods** and **Gifts**.

We see this in Paul's list of:

**OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Elders**

Jim Poopalapillai—Pastor  
Peter Bustin  
Reid Campbell  
Will Perrie  
Glenn Wadden

**Deacons**

David Campbell  
Honza Pokorny  
Edward Woolley

**Pastor Emeritus**

Don Codling

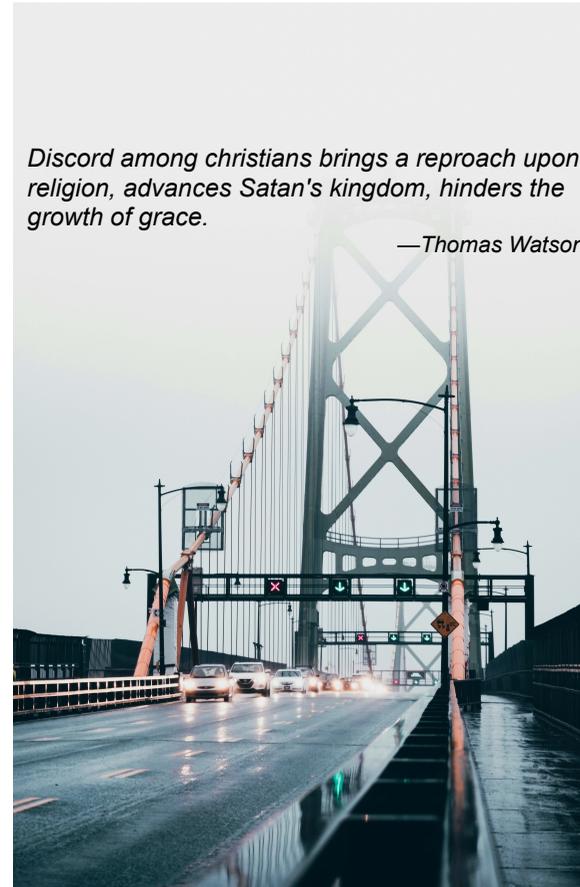
**HOW TO GIVE**

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**1. Encouragers (v.7-9)**

**2. Comforters (v.10-11)**

**3. Benefactors (v.12-18)**



*Discord among christians brings a reproach upon religion, advances Satan's kingdom, hinders the growth of grace.*

—Thomas Watson

**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

March 22, 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**

**4:00p.m.-7:00p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2026:** Games night at the church. We will have a Pizza supper. Please RSVP by Friday, March 27- email [Jim@bedfordpca.org](mailto:Jim@bedfordpca.org)

**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 10:00 a.m.

**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 25. 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 23.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

- Family of the week: Bill and Tracy Radford, their children and grandchildren

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in.

**People:** <sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?**

Minister: The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle!

**People:** <sup>9</sup>**Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.**

Minister: <sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?

**People:** **The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!**

—Psalm 24:7-10

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

<sup>4</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” <sup>10</sup> And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the

ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. <sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

—Genesis 4:1-16

#### CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

#### SONG OF REFLECTION

Take My Life and Let it Be

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

—1John 1 5,7

## SONGS OF RENEWAL

Psalm 122A (Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah tune)  
How Great is Our God

#### GOSPEL READING

<sup>23</sup> Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

—John 2:23-25

#### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Radford Family and for refugees

#### 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>7</sup> Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, <sup>9</sup> and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), <sup>11</sup> and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. <sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that

you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. <sup>13</sup> For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. <sup>15</sup> Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup> And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup> And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

<sup>18</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

—Colossians 4:7-18

#### SERMON

The Community Project  
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

#### CLOSING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#### BENEDICTION

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—2 Corinthians 13:14

#### 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!**