

SERMON
The Revelation of Jesus the Christ
Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus' baptism reveals Jesus'...

1) Mission (v.13-15)

2) Anointing (v.16)

3) Sonship (v.17)

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

April 19, 2026
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

Church Potluck Lunch: Today—all are welcome.

English Conversation Group: April 22, 12:45 p.m.

Praise Night and Kids 2 Camp: April 25, 6:30 p.m.
Fundraiser in support of Malagash Bible Camp, hosted at Grace Chapel (255 Ross St., Halifax)

Church Bonfire: May 16th, Details to follow.

MudBlast Retreat: May 1–3 at Malagash Bible Camp, for kids in grades 2–6. For more information, visit malagashbiblecamp.com

Mothers' Day Luncheon: May 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. RSVP online: bedfordpca.org/rsvp/mday

Women's Retreat: May 22–24 Malagash Bible Camp. For more information: malagashbiblecamp.com

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Meets next on April 22. Studying 1 Samuel.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Laura Priddle studying Joshua. The 7:15 p.m. Monday evening study on Romans meets every other week.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Family of the week: Smartex Tambala and Barbara Blay and their children Hannah, Jefferelies and Felix

HOW TO GIVE: E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought
salvation.

**People: The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house
of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
sing out your joy.**

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.

**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.**
—based on Psalm 98:1-6

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:12-22

¹² For the Lord of hosts has a day
against all that is proud and lofty,
against all that is lifted up—and it shall be brought low;

¹³ against all the cedars of Lebanon,
lofty and lifted up;
and against all the oaks of Bashan;

¹⁴ against all the lofty mountains,
and against all the uplifted hills;

¹⁵ against every high tower,
and against every fortified wall;

¹⁶ against all the ships of Tarshish,
and against all the beautiful craft.

¹⁷ And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled,
and the lofty pride of men shall be brought low,
and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.

¹⁸ And the idols shall utterly pass away.

¹⁹ And people shall enter the caves of the rocks
and the holes of the ground,

from before the terror of the Lord,
and from the splendour of his majesty,
when he rises to terrify the earth.

²⁰ In that day mankind will cast away
their idols of silver and their idols of gold,
which they made for themselves to worship,

to the moles and to the bats,

²¹ to enter the caverns of the rocks
and the clefts of the cliffs,

from before the terror of the Lord,
and from the splendour of his majesty,
when he rises to terrify the earth.

²² Stop regarding man
in whose nostrils is breath,
for of what account is he?

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**People: O Lord, great God,
all holy, Father most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love,
we are embarrassed to come before you,
for we have preferred the ways of this world
to your ways,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom
and we have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance
and have gotten lost altogether.
To you belongs righteousness, O Lord,
and to us confusion of face.**

**O Lord, great God,
all holy, filled with awe,
Father, most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love,
incline your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out
our sorrows before you.
Forgive us,
not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy.
On the ground of your great mercy
in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray,
for he is our Saviour and the mediator of the
covenant of grace. Amen.**

—based on Daniel 9:4-19

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows our frame
he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

—Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

Christ is Enough

NEW TESTAMENT READING JAMES 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has
faith but does not have works? Can that faith save
him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking
in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in
peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the
things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also
faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have
works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I
will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that
God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and
shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person,
that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not
Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up
his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active
along with his works, and faith was completed by his
works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that
says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him
as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of
God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not
by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not
also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she
received the messengers and sent them out by another
way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so
also faith apart from works is dead.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Tambala family and the Municipal Government

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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

SERMON

The Revelation of Jesus the Christ

Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

Christ our Hope in Life and Death

BENEDICTION

Leader: 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, ²¹ 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

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

People: Thanks be to God!