

SERMON
God's Mission to Bless the World
Psalm 67

1. The Request for Blessing (v.1)

OLD TESTAMENT TEXT
Psalm 67
To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A
Psalm. A Song.

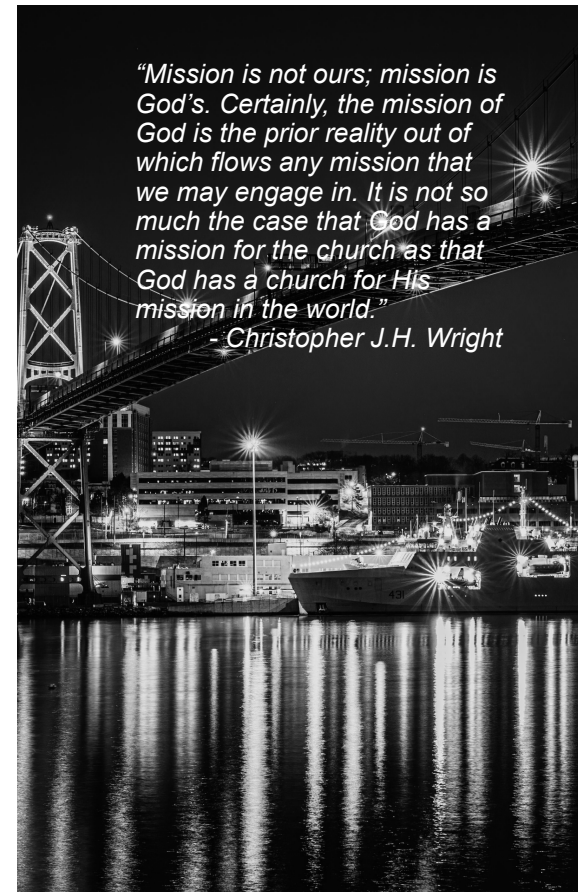
⁶⁷ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

2. The Reasons for Blessing (v.2-5, 7)

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

3. The Result of Blessing (v.6-7)



"Mission is not ours; mission is God's. Certainly, the mission of God is the prior reality out of which flows any mission that we may engage in. It is not so much the case that God has a mission for the church as that God has a church for His mission in the world."
- Christopher J.H. Wright

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

September 13, 2026
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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.

UPCOMING

English Conversation Group:
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 12:45 p.m., at the church.

Discipleship Groups

- Women's Bible Studies led by Laura Priddle and meeting at her home:
 - Studying Hebrews. Starts **Wednesday, Sept. 16** at 9:15-11:00 a.m. Childcare provided.
 - Studying Judges. Meeting every other Monday from 7:15–9:00 p.m. Starts **Monday, Sept. 21.**
- Adult Bible Study led by Reid Campbell. on 2 Samuel. Starts **Wednesday, Sept. 23,** at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- Sermon Based Discussion Group, led by Glenn Wadden meeting at the Wadden home. Start in October.
- International Small Group, meeting online with Will Perrie on Friday evenings

If you are yet to join a group please sign-up online, and we will put you in touch with your group leader for further details.

Bedford Presbyterian's 50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 26: 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, Sept. 27: 10 a.m. Morning Service followed by
dessert and history of the church
Sunday, Sept. 27: 5 p.m. Evening Service

RSVP by September 19 at Bedfordpca.org/50th

For the Anniversary we are in need of your church photos! Please share them with Peter Bustin

Church-Wide Retreat

On October 16-17 at Malagash Bible Camp we will be hosting a church retreat. All are welcome. We will have bible teaching, activities and fellowship. RSVP by October 12

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Rena McCulloch

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

LIVE TRANSLATION



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

People: **Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul!**
-Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” 29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) 30 Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 36 And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Gospel reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 67b

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: **Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offences against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

-1 Peter 2:24

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

O Praise the Name

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:7-16

7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

9 (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Malagash Bible Camp and prayer for Rena McCulloch

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.**

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CLOSING HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

BENEDICTION

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:24-26

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!**

