

SERMON
The Heart of God
1 Timothy 2:1–7

God’s heart is for all people to know him.

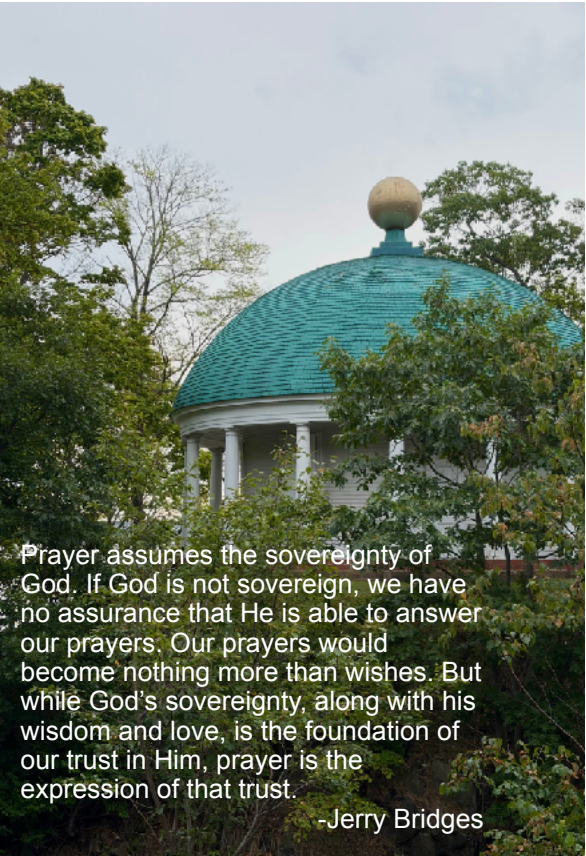
1. Pray for all people

2. Preach to all people

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, **2** for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. **3** This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, **4** who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. **7** For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

October 18, 2026
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai
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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Groups

- Sermon Based Discussion Group, led by Glenn Wadden. **Mondays** 7:00 p.m.
- Women’s Bible Studies led by Laura Priddle:
 - Studying Judges. Bi-weekly on **Mondays** at 7:15–9:00 p.m.
 - Studying Hebrews. **Wednesdays** at 9:15-11:00 a.m.
- Adult Bible Study led by Reid Campbell and meeting online. Studying 2 Samuel. **Wednesdays** at 7:30 p.m.
- International Small Group, led by Will Perrie and meeting online. **Fridays** at 7:00 p.m.

Visit BedfordPCA.org/discipleship-groups, to sign-up.

English Conversation Group

On **Wednesdays** at 12:45 p.m. come practice speaking and listening while building friendships and community.

BPC Kids Update

BPC Kids’ classes include: Primary–Grade 1 class, Grade 2–Grade 4 class and nursery. Please complete a registration form for each child, if you have not done so.

Eastern Canada Presbytery

October 23 & 24, hosted at BPC. Join us for the Worship Service on Friday (the 23rd) at the church at 5pm.

Evening Service

Join us for our monthly Evening Service, next Sunday, October 25, at 5pm.

Fellowship Lunch

On November 1, after service, we will have a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Priddle Family: Nathan, Laura, Bryce, Audrey and Hannah

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

LIVE TRANSLATION



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God.
People: “He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.”
Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in our hearts that God raised him
from the dead.
People: “Everyone who calls on the name of the
Lord will be saved.”
Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in
our hearts, confessing him with our mouths,
worshiping him in spirit and in truth.
—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

HYMN OF PRAISE
Come Thou Fount

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Deuteronomy 4:25-31

²⁵ “When you father children and children's children, and
have grown old in the land, and you act corruptly by
making a carved image in the form of anything, and by
doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, so as
to provoke him to anger, ²⁶ I call heaven and earth to
witness against you today, that you will soon utterly
perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to
possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly
destroyed. ²⁷ And the Lord will scatter you among the
peoples, and you will be left few in number among the
nations where the Lord will drive you. ²⁸ And there you will
serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands,
that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹ But from
there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find
him, if you search after him with all your
heart and with all your soul. ³⁰ When you
are in tribulation, and all these things
come upon you in the latter days, you will
return to the Lord your God and obey his
voice. ³¹ For the Lord your God is a
merciful God. He will not leave you or
destroy you or forget the covenant with
your fathers that he swore to them.

CALL TO REPENTANCE
Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION
Psalm 91

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: ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him
was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us
all.
—Isaiah 53-4-6

PROFESSION OF FAITH
Wyatt Pokorny

SONGS OF RENEWAL
Nothing But the Blood
How Great is Our God

GOSPEL READING
Mark 7: 24-30

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of
Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want
anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But
immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean
spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now
the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And
she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not
right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁸ But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under
the table eat the children's crumbs.”

²⁹ And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your
way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ And she went
home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY
Prayer for the Eastern Canada Presbytery and for the
Piddle family

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
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CLOSING HYMN
Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

BENEDICTION
Leader: ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and
God our Father, who loved us and gave us
eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in
every good work and word.
—2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

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!

