SERMON
Called and Qualified
1 Timothy 3:1-7

The church is to be led by Christ-like elders.

1. Called (v. 1)

2. Character (v. 2-7)

3. Competent (v. 2, 4-6)

NEW TESTAMENT READING
1 Timothy 3:1–7

3 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the
office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore
an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of
one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable,
hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent
but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He
must manage his own household well, with all dignity
keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does
not know how to manage his own household, how will
he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent
convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and
fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he
must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not
fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Acts 20:17–18; 28–30 17 Now from Miletus he sent to
Ephesus and called the ***elders*** of the church to come to
him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them…
28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock,
in which the Holy Spirit has made you ***overseers***, to
care for the church of God, which he obtained with his
own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce
wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30
and from among your own selves will arise men
speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after
them.

1 Peter 5:1–5 1 So I exhort the ***elders*** among you, as a
fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as
well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be
revealed: 2 ***shepherd*** the flock of God that is among
you, exercising ***oversight***, not under compulsion, but
willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain,
but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your
charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the
chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading
crown of glory. 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be
subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with
humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.”

Titus 1:5–7 5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you
might put what remained into order, and appoint ***elders***
in every town as I directed you— 6 if anyone is above
reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are
believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or
insubordination. 7 For an ***overseer***, as God’s steward,
must be above reproach…



BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026
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Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

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. (except November 11). Come practice speaking and listening while building friendships and community.

BPC Kids
BPC Kids’ includes: Pre-primary–Grade 1 class, Grade 2–Grade 4 class, and nursery. *Dismissed after Songs of Renewal.*

Guess Who’s Coming for Dinner
A night of good conversation and company this fall **(November 13 or 14**) Sign up to be either a host or a guest at BedfordPCA.org/events, or via the link in your email.

Christ and Culture Conference
A one-day conference run by Christ Church Halifax, on **November 21.** Register at ChristChurchHalifax.ca/conference.

Evening Service
Join us for our monthly Evening Service, **November 29**, at 5:00 p.m.

Community Meal
On **December 6**, at 5:30pm, we will have a potluck meal with and for our community. Invite your friends and neighbours.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Family of the week: Semenov family: Alex and Tetiana, Matthew, Elina and Emma

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

LIVE TRANSLATION
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

People: "**Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Leader: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

—Revelation 15:3-4

HYMN OF PRAISE

And Can It Be

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 15

15 O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is
right and speaks truth in his heart;
3 who does not slander with his tongue and
does no evil to his neighbour, nor takes up a
reproach against his friend;
4 in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but
who honours those who fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt and does not
change;
5 who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the
innocent.
He who does these things shall never be
moved.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 9B

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—based on Psalm 51:10-12

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: 8The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

—Psalm 103:8-13

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Before the Throne of God Above
Amazing Love

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11–18

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand
and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep,
sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees,
and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He
flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing
for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my
own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father
knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my
life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are
not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will
listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one
shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.
18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own
accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have
authority to take it up again. This charge I have
received from my Father."

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Lawyers/Judges/Paralegals and
for the Semenov 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

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

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 lift up his countenance upon 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!

