

**January 4, 2026; 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Worship Celebration**  
**“Law Of The Spirit”**

**Today's Message:**

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.’” Hebrews 3:7-9

Paul desperately wants his readers to understand the principles of the law of God and the reason God sent Jesus in the flesh. He knew that the law was God's instrument to show us that we are sinners and that nobody could live holy lives in and of themselves. Try as we may, the law of God just proves that we have another law working in our hearts and being in a selfish way, the law of the flesh and sin. Therefore, we needed a new law to overcome that sin, the law of the Spirit of God. That law was given to us by the victory of Jesus. He defeated the law of the flesh through His sacrifice. So, if we open our minds and hearts to God and allow Christ to rule and reign through His Spirit, we will have overcome the law of the flesh by the law of the Spirit of God. Praise God for His abundant love!

**Order of Service:**

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**Opening Old Testament Scripture:** Isaiah 61:1-3 (ESV)

**Praise In Song With Praise Team:** “We Give You Glory”  
“I Speak Jesus”  
“In The Secret”

**Prayers: Special Prayers & Specific Requests & Testimonies**

**Communion:** I Corinthians 11:23-32 (ESV)  
Hymn #244 - “Draw Me Nearer”

**Offering:** At entrance in the foyer, via mail or online (go to Giving in the Connect menu on our web site).

**Announcements:** (next column)

**Praise In Song:** Hymn #539 - “We Three Kings Of Orient Are”

**Today's New Testament Scripture:** Romans 8:1-17 (ESV)

**Closing Prayer**

**Announcements and Calendar Events (also see our web site calendar):**

**Alliance 40 Days of Prayer, Weekly, Starting Sunday, January 4th & Ending Thursday, February 12th:** Please join us in starting off 2026 with 40 Days of Prayer, a wonderful event created by The Christian and Missionary Alliance, AND it's geared-up for both Adults and Kids! You can register to have the Plan sent to your email - See our web site for the link. Even after it starts, you can use the link to catch up with us and follow along, or can use it at any time of the year to pray and reflect on the passages of the Bible.

**Ladies Devotional Zoom Meeting, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 PM; January 6th & 20th:** The ladies will be finishing their last series. Moe Smith will send an email with a Zoom link. [moe@baycommunity.org](mailto:moe@baycommunity.org)

**Praise Team Practice, Wednesdays, 7 PM, January 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th:** For those who may be interested in joining the Praise Team, please come join us!

**Prayer Conference Call, Thursdays, 7 PM, January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th:** Prayer is the first work for Christians and the Church and God's house shall be a house of prayer! Join us as we unite in prayer to see God at work. You can join via telephone conference call: Call 774-220-4000, enter the ID code 02532 to join the Mobile Prayer Meeting.

**Men's Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, January 13th & 27th:** Live & Zoom Bible Study – Join us for our new study, “What We Believe”. We would love to have you join us live at the church or by Zoom; Pastor Mac will send an email with a link. [pastor@baycommunity.org](mailto:pastor@baycommunity.org)

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 18th:** Presentation by Deb Matsinger.

**Annual BCAC Meeting & Church Fellowship Pot-Luck Lunch, January 25th, 12 PM:** Our annual Meeting will immediately follow our Sunday worship, along with our usual end of the month lunch.

**Men's Breakfast, First Saturday of the Month, February 7th, 7:30 AM:** Join Pastor Mac Smith and the men of Bay Community for some fellowship time, as we chat, connect and discuss the Bible, how it is a part of our lives, and try to make it a bigger part of our lives.

### ***TO OUR GUESTS***

We are glad to have you worship with us as we praise Jesus Christ the Lord in song, prayer, testimony, and the study of His Word. Please fill out a guest card if this is your first time here and let us know how we can best help you to grow in the Lord so that we can serve Him together. Nursery care is available, let us know your needs. Children's Church is available downstairs for children in grades kindergarten through 4th grade after the Announcements & Hymn. Lots of additional information is available on our web site, including prayer requests. Also, if your address or contact information changes, please let us know.

### ***WHO WE ARE***

Bay Community is an Upper Cape Cod church, reaching individuals to help each one discover that knowing and worshiping God is the true meaning and purpose in life, and this can only be done through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the filling of the Holy Spirit. We meet for celebration in worship as a community and in gatherings throughout the week.

### ***OUR MOTTO***

Connecting People With God To Advance The Kingdom Of God

### ***OUR VISION***

Bay Community's vision is to help people become all that God wants them to be by connecting them with God.

### ***OUR MISSION***

We strive to be a welcoming congregation; celebrating the love of God through small group gatherings; leading people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; teaching them to live lives of integrity, to become a benefit to their community and the world.

If you have a need - physical or spiritual, our Church Leaders are ready to assist you as much as possible. In addition to Pastor Mac, you may call **Bay Cares** (our service committee assisting others) through Jackie Swanson at 508-295-3019.

### ***CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE***

As a member of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, we believe that Jesus is our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King; see the C&MA statement of faith. We are a member of the New England District of the C&MA, along with approximately 50 other churches throughout the region. We share a common purpose to see people throughout New England come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. To find other Alliance churches, go to: [www.cmalliance.org](http://www.cmalliance.org) & "Find A Church".

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