

SERMON

The Promised Messiah
Matthew 1:1-17

We are to believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah.

We are to believe this because he is the:

1. The Promised Blessing (v. 1, 2-6)

2. The Promised King (v.1, 7-11)

3. The Promised Saviour (v. 12-17)

GOSPEL READING

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

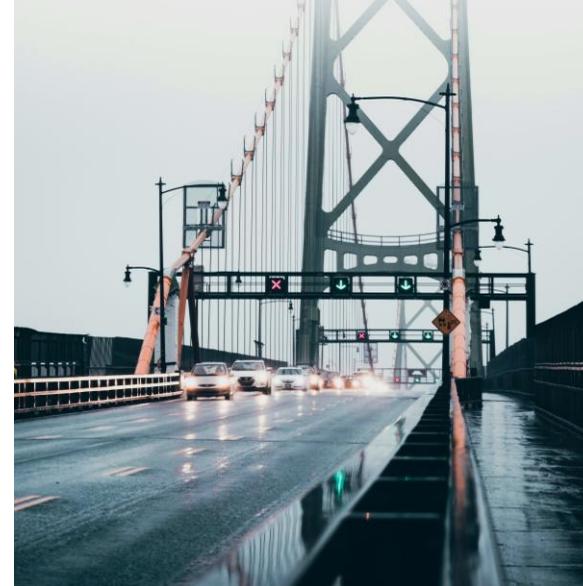
And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.
—Matthew 1:1-17

Elsewhere in the Bible, "Son of God," is used to refer to angels, the nation of Israel, or to the Davidic king. But nowhere else does the Bible speak of someone being God's "one and only Son." Being the one and only ("begotten," KJV) Son of God means that Jesus, unlike the rest of us, is not adopted into the family of God but is rather the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Trinity.

—Kevin Vanhoozer



BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 29, 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.

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

12:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2026: English Conversation Group.

11:00 a.m., Friday, April 3, 2026: Good Friday Service. There will be a breakfast served at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m., Sunday April 5, 2026: Easter Service. We will have our Regular Lord's Day Service.

Sunday, April 5, 2026: The Lord Supper will be celebrated

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Meets next on March 25. Studying 1 Samuel.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Laura Priddle. On break until March 25 when the study on Joshua starts. The 7:15 p.m. Monday evening study on Romans meets March 23.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Family of the week: Maria Ramsey

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister:¹ I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: ² **I will be glad and exult in you;**
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
—Psalm 9:1-2

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud and Honour

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

² Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth;
for the Lord has spoken:

“Children have I reared and brought up,
but they have rebelled against me.

³ The ox knows its owner,
and the donkey its master's crib,
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand.”

⁴ Ah, sinful nation,
a people laden with iniquity,
offspring of evildoers,
children who deal corruptly!
They have forsaken the Lord,
they have despised the Holy One of Israel,
they are utterly estranged.

⁵ Why will you still be struck down?
Why will you continue to rebel?
The whole head is sick,
and the whole heart faint.

⁶ From the sole of the foot even to the head,
there is no soundness in it,
but bruises and sores
and raw wounds;

they are not pressed out or bound up
or softened with oil.

⁷ Your country lies desolate;
your cities are burned with fire;
in your very presence
foreigners devour your land;
it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.

⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left

like a booth in a vineyard,
like a lodge in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city.

⁹ If the Lord of hosts
had not left us a few survivors,
we should have been like Sodom,
and become like Gomorrah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!
Give ear to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² “When you come to appear before me,
who has required of you
this trampling of my courts?

¹³ Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;

¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice,

correct oppression;

bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.

¹⁸ “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be eaten by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”—Isaiah 1:1-20

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 84

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
—Ezekiel 36:25-26

SONGS OF RENEWAL

When I Survey
How Great Thou Art

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers

the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.
—James 1:1-18

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Maria Ramsey and food and service industry

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Promised Messiah
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

There is a Redeemer

BENEDICTION

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
—Numbers 6:24-26

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God!