

SERMON
The Best Advice
Proverbs 1:1–7

1. What are the Proverbs? (v.1)

2. What is the Books Purpose? (v. 2-6)

3. The Greatest Advice (v. 7)

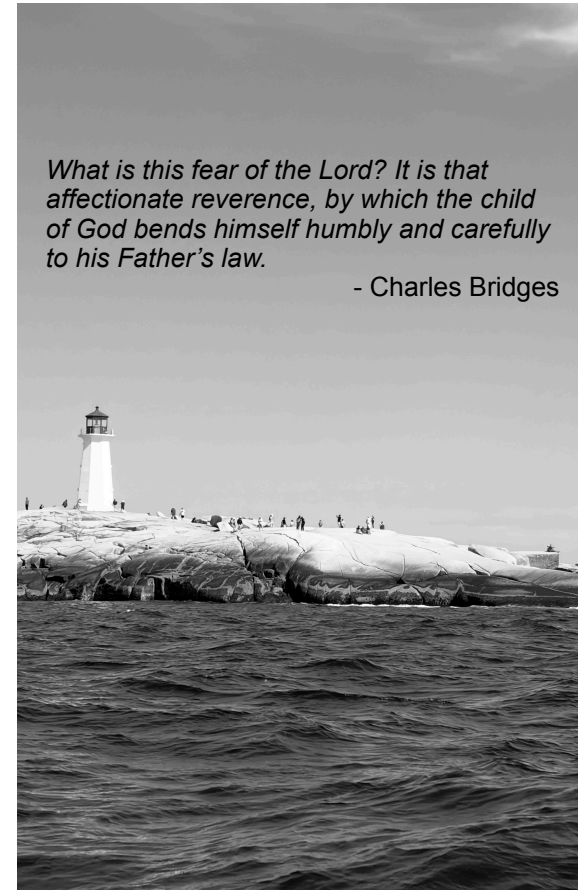
OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 1:1–7

1 The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
- 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- 4 to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth
- 5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain
guidance,
- 6 to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

- 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

July 19, 2026
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai
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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 a unstaffed nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers if needed on the lower level.

UPCOMING

Bedford Presbyterian's 50th Anniversary Service:
Sunday, September 27

Summer Book Club Gathering:
Wednesday, August 26, 7 p.m. A gathering to discuss the summer book "The Enemy Within" at Jim and Dina's house.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Peter and Holly Bustin

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory?**

Leader: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

People: **Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

People: **The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.**

—Psalm 24:7-10

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 1:1–14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on New Testament Reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Take My Life and Let it Be

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: **Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

—Psalm 32:3-5

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Psalm 23
Blessed Assurance

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:39–49

³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

⁴³ “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Lament Over Forest Fires and Prayer for Bustin 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

The Best Advice

Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honour

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!**

