

SERMON
Wisdom's Calling
Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom promises life, It's refusal leads to death.

1. Wisdom's Call (v.20-23)

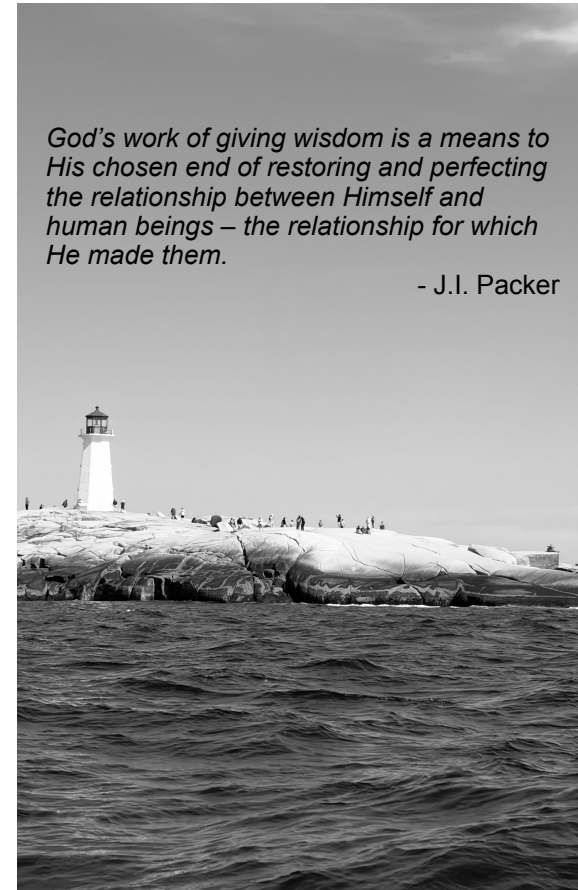
2. Wisdom's Warning (v. 24-32)

3. Wisdom's Promise (v. 33)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 1:20-33

²⁰ Wisdom cries aloud in the street,
in the markets she raises her voice;
²¹ at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²² "How long, O simple ones, will you love being
simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
²³ If you turn at my reproof,
behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;
I will make my words known to you.
²⁴ Because I have called and you refused to listen,
have stretched out my hand and no one has
heeded,
²⁵ because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when terror strikes you,
²⁷ when terror strikes you like a storm
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.
²⁹ Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
³⁰ would have none of my counsel
and despised all my reproof,
³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,
and have their fill of their own devices.
³² For the simple are killed by their turning away,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³ but whoever listens to me will dwell secure
and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

August 2, 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 no Children's ministry on Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Downstairs there is a unstaffed nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

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: David and Rebecca Campbell and children Juliana, Winston, Elizabeth and Felicity

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought
salvation.

People: **The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the
house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

People: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
sing out your joy.**

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.

People: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.**
—based on Psalm 98:1-6

HYMN OF PRAISE

In Christ Alone

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

2And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which
you once walked, following the course of this world,
following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is
now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we
all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the
desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature
children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God,
being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he
loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made
us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved
—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the
heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages
he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you
have been saved through faith. And this is not our own
doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no
one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Call to Repentance

Based on New Testament Reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 7

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: **Lord God, we have given more weight to our
successes and our happiness
than to your will.
We have eaten without
a thought for the hungry.
We have spoken without an effort to
understand others.
We have kept silence instead
of telling the truth.
We have judged others, forgetful that you
alone are the Judge.
We have acted rather in accordance with our
opinions than according to your commands.
Within your church we have been slow to
practice love of our neighbours.
And in the world we have not been your
faithful servants.
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Since we have now been justified by his blood,
how much more shall we be saved from God's
wrath through him!
—Romans 5:8-9

SONGS OF RENEWAL

King of Kings

We Believe

GOSPEL READING

Luke 7:18-35

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And
John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the
Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we
look for another?” ²⁰ And when the men had come to him,
they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are
you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’”
²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and
plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he
bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, “Go and tell John
what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the
dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to
them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”
²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak
to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the
wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ What then
did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing?
Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live
in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶ What then did you go out to
see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my
messenger before your face, who will prepare your way
before you.’

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than
John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is
greater than he.” ²⁹ (When all the people heard this, and the
tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been
baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰ but the Pharisees and
the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not
having been baptized by him.)

³¹ “To what then shall I compare the people of this generation,
and what are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the
marketplace and calling to one another, “‘We played the flute
for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did
not weep.’

³³ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and
drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ ³⁴ The Son
of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at
him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and
sinners!’ ³⁵ Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.”

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer to be Missional and prayer for David and Rebecca
Campbell and Juliana, Winston, Elizabeth and Felicity

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

Wisdom’s Calling

Jim Poopalapillai

PROFESSING OUR FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

THE LORD’S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

To God be the Glory

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the God of peace himself sanctify you
entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body
be kept sound and blameless at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ.
—1 Thessalonians 5:23

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!**

