

SERMON
In God we Trust
Proverbs 3:1-12

1. Why trust in the Lord (v.1-12)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:1-12

³ My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
² for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.

³ Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴ So you will find favour and good success
in the sight of God and man.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

⁸ It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

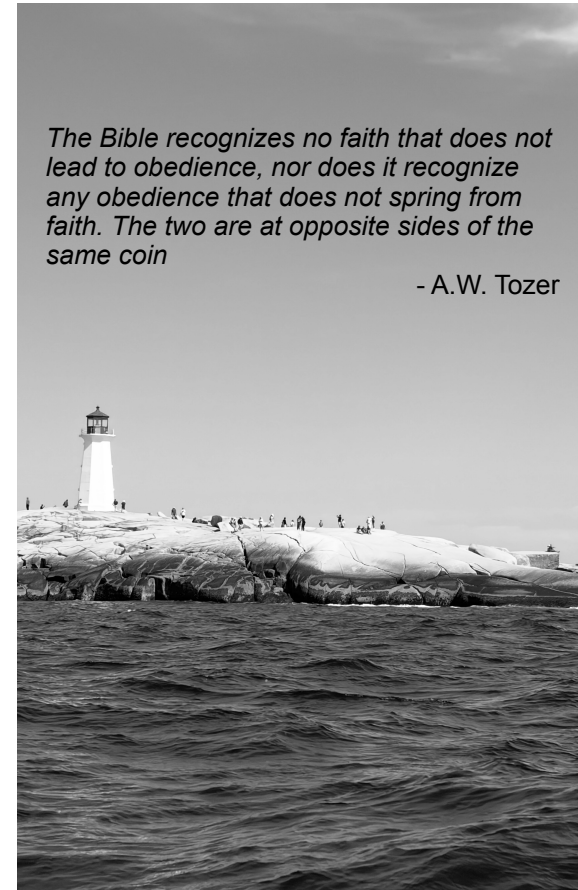
⁹ Honour the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,

¹² for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

2. How to trust in the Lord (v. 1-8)

3. Where trust in the Lord is Tested (v. 9-12)



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

August 16, 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 an unstaffed nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

UPCOMING

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.

Church Building Work Day

Saturday, September 12, 9:30 a.m. The day will be spent caring for, maintaining and improving our church building. Tasks include painting, organizing, cleaning and doing minor repairs. Lunch will be included. Please let Dina know if you plan to come.

Bedford Presbyterian's 50th Anniversary Service:

Sunday, September 27

BIBLE STUDIES

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Aidan and Eileen DeBoer and daughter Rose

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

People: **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

Come Thou Fount

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:1-13
3 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

CALL TO REPENTANCE
Based on New Testament Reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 23

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: **Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offences against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**
—based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Lord, I Need You
This I Believe (The Creed)

GOSPEL READING
Luke 8:1-15

8 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

4 And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, 5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer to be a generous church and prayer for Aidan and Eileen DeBoer and daughter Rose

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.**

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SERMON

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Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

BENEDICTION

Leader: 20 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.
— 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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!**

