

SERMON
The Worth of Wisdom
Proverbs 3:13-20

Wisdom is worth it...

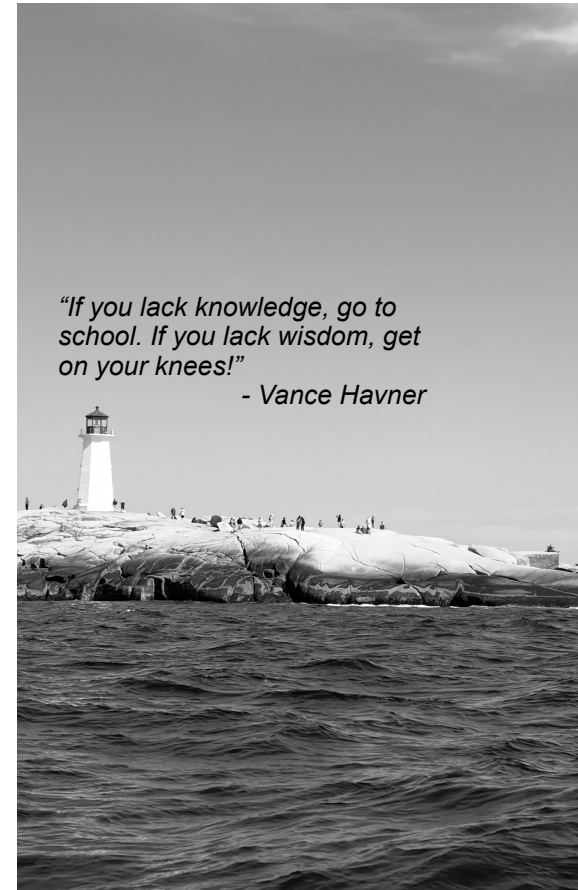
1. It's precious (v.13-15)

OLD TESTAMENT TEXT
Proverbs 3:13-20

- ¹³ Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,
and the one who gets understanding,
¹⁴ for the gain from her is better than gain from silver
and her profit better than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.
- ¹⁹ The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;
²⁰ by his knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.

2. It prospers (v.16-18)

3. It's foundational (v.19-20)



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

August 30, 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 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

English Conversation Group:

Wednesday, September 9, 12:45 p.m., meeting at the church.

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 Celebration

Saturday, September 26: 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, September 27: 10 a.m. Morning Service followed by dessert and history of the church

Sunday, September 27: 5 p.m. Evening Service

RSVP by September 19th at Bedfordpca.org/50th

Church Wide Retreat

On October 16-17th at Malagash Bible Camp we will be hosting a church retreat. All are welcome. We will have times of bible teaching, actives and fellowship. Registration will go live this week.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Kaku Guo and Elva Dou and their son Alfie. Kaku's mother Qin.

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

LIVE TRANSLATION



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God.
People: **“He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.”**
Leader: Let us confess with our mouths,
“Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in our hearts that God raised him
from the dead.
People: **“Everyone who calls on the name of the
Lord will be saved.”**
Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him
in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths,
worshiping him in spirit and in truth.
—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

HYMN OF PRAISE

We praise you O God our Redeemer, Creator

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:16-25

¹⁶ “No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts
it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who
enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will
not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not
be known and come to light. ¹⁸ Take care then how you
hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from
the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will
be taken away.”

¹⁹ Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they
could not reach him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And he was
told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside,
desiring to see you.” ²¹ But he answered them, “My
mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of
God and do it.”

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Gospel reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 46

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The fears and jealousies that we harbour
set neighbour against neighbour
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination
and freedom, of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus
Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: ¹Therefore, since we have been justified by
faith, we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have
also obtained access by faith into this grace in
which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the
glory of God.
—Romans 5:1-2

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Leaning on the everlasting arms
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the
Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth
is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he
may grant you to be strengthened with power through his
Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted
and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength
to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and
length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of
Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled
with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than
all that we ask or think, according to the power at work
within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ
Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for Kaku Guo and Elva Dou and their son Alfie. Kaku's
mother Qin. Prayer for work (Labour Day)

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 WORTH OF WISDOM
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai

CLOSING HYMN

Worship Christ the risen King

BENEDICTION

Leader: The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always.
—based on Philippians 4:7

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!**

