

SERMON
Gaining a Heart of Wisdom
Psalm 90

1. The eternal God is our dwelling place.

2. Life is short because of our sin and God's judgement.

3. Number your days and act wisely.

4. Seek the Lord's favour.

Psalm 90

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the
world, from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.
- ³ You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like
a dream, like grass that is renewed
in the morning:
- ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- ¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³ Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have
afflicted us, and for as many years as we
have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

September 20, 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.

UPCOMING

Discipleship Groups

- Women's Bible Studies led by Laura Priddle:
 - Studying Hebrews. **Wednesdays** at 9:15-11:00 a.m. Childcare provided.
 - Studying Judges. Meeting every other **Monday** from 7:15–9:00 p.m. Starts Monday, Sept. 21.
- Adult Bible Study led by Reid Campbell and meeting online. Studying 2 Samuel. **Wednesdays** at 7:30 p.m. **Starts Sept. 23.**
- Sermon Based Discussion Group, led by Glenn Wadden. **Mondays** 7:00 p.m. Starts in October.
- International Small Group, led by Will Perrie and meeting online. **Fridays** at 7:00 p.m.

If you have yet to join a group, please sign-up online, and we will put you in touch with your group leader for further details.

Bedford Presbyterian's 50th Anniversary Celebration

All details available at BedfordPCA.org/50th. Share your church photos with Peter Bustin!

Church-Wide Retreat

October 16-17 at Malagash Bible Camp. Details and registration can be found at BedfordPCA.org/events.

Alpha

Have questions about Christianity or know someone who does? Join us for 10 weeks, beginning **October 14** at 7:00 p.m., at the church for dessert, short video, and thoughtful discussion about life, faith, and meaning. Sign-up online at BedfordPCA.org/Alpha.

Children's Sunday School Update

Sunday school will resume Sunday, October 11.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Bassem Nader, Lara El Ferezli and their children Yasmina and Jonathan.

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com.

LIVE TRANSLATION



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: **They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. -Psalm 36:5-9

HYMN OF PRAISE
Here is Love Vast as the Ocean

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Ephesians 4:17–32

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!—21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out

of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

CALL TO REPENTANCE
Based on New Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION
Psalm 139

CONFESSION OF SIN
People: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: When you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. -Colossians 2:13-14

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Lord I Need You
Jesus Paid it All

GOSPEL READING
Luke 8:40–56

40 Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. 41 And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus’ feet, he implored him to come to his house, 42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. 43 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. 44 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. 45 And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!” 46 But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.” 47 And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48 And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

49 While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” 50 But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.” 51 And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. 52 And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, “Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.”

53 And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. 54 But taking her by the hand he called, saying, “Child, arise.” 55 And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. 56 And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY
Prayer for Alpha and prayer for Nader/ El Ferezli 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
Gaining a Heart of Wisdom
Randall Palmer

CLOSING HYMN
There is a Redeemer

BENEDICTION
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. -2 Corinthians 13:14

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!**

