

SERMON
Unless the Lord Builds the House
Psalm 127

1. Depend on the Lord in our Work

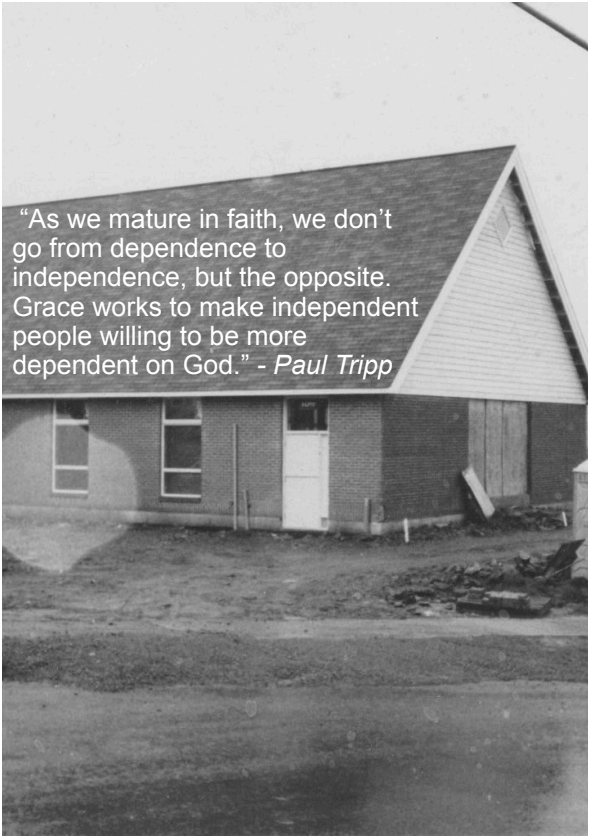
2. Depend on the Lord for our future

Psalm 127

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

1 Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
2 It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the
LORD, the fruit of the womb
a reward.
4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.
5 Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in
the gate.



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

September 27, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Groups

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

Visit BedfordPCA.org/discipleship-groups, to sign-up.

English Conversation Group

Join on **Wednesdays** to practice speaking and listening while building friendships and community.

Church-Wide Retreat

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

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.

BPC Kids Update

BPC Kids will resume Sunday, October 11, for our Primary - Grade 1 class, Grade 2 - Grade 4 class, and nursery.

HOW TO GIVE

Physically, at the back of the church, or e-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com.

LIVE TRANSLATION



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble**

Leader: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People: **Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

Leader: hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

People: **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

People: **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

Leader: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

-Psalm 107:1-9

HYMN OF PRAISE
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Ephesians 5:1–14

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of

light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

CALL TO REPENTANCE
Based on New Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION
The Church’s One Foundation

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: **God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honoured those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others’ intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

-John 3:16-17

SONGS OF RENEWAL
Psalm 90
Christ is Enough

GOSPEL READING
Luke 9:1–9

1 And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. 3 And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. 4 And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” 6 And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, 8 by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. 9 Herod said, “John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he sought to see him.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY
Prayer for BPC 50th Anniversary

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

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CLOSING HYMN
All Glory be to Christ

BENEDICTION

Leader: The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God’s will, working among us that which is pleasing in God’s sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever!

-Hebrews 13:20-21

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!**

