

Proverbs I

Wisdom shouts in the street,
She lifts her voice in the square;

*How long, O naive ones,
will you love being
Simple-minded?

And scoffers delight
themselves in scoffing
And fools hate knowledge?

Turn to my reproof...
Behold, I will pour out my
spirit on you;

I will make my words
known to you.

Because I called and you refused,
I stretched out my hand and
no one paid attention;

And you neglected all my counsel
And did not want my reproof;

When your dread comes
like a storm
And your calamity comes
like a whirlwind,
When distress and anguish
come upon you

Then they will call on me,
but I will not answer;
They will seek me diligently
but they will not find me

Because they hated knowledge
And did not choose to

fear the LORD...

So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way
And be satiated with their own devices" v 20-31

the fear of the LORD
is the beginning of
KNOWLEDGE;
fools despise Wisdom
and instruction
v7



ENTRANCE

GATHERING¹

Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.

GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, the source of Wisdom, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

3056. Jesus, the Light of the World

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn

the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

HYMN

577. God of Grace and God of Glory

333. I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A variety of gifts but one Spirit

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² <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/2012/09/19/>

HYMN

2229. We Are One in Christ Jesus

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1 (NRSV)

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

For learning about wisdom and instruction,

for understanding words of insight,

for gaining instruction in wise dealing,

righteousness, justice, and equity;

to teach shrewdness to the simple,

knowledge and prudence to the young—

let the wise, too, hear and gain in learning

and the discerning acquire skill,

to understand a proverb and a figure,

the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;

fools despise wisdom and instruction.

RESPONSE - 70. GLORIA PATRI

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

Jesus' miracle reveals his glory to his disciples.

MESSAGE

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

Eternal God, we give you thanks ...

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING³

May the holy wisdom of God
guard your ways and guide your paths
May the living truth of God
enlighten your hearts and open your minds
And may the living Spirit of God
give you life, and life to the full!

Amen!

CANDLES 664. Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*Go into the world, the body of Christ redeemed by His
blood, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, to praise the
Father and love His people.*

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In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
Jan 26	Prov. 2	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
Feb 02	Prov. 3	May 11	Prov. 31	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Play practice during Sunday School and after church	Today!
Christmas Caroling	Today!
Children's Program	12/24
Christmas Eve Worship	5pm, 12/24

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Travis Sherman, Mason Drollinger, Tracy Bailen
Tom & Cheryl Blackburn

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

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If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (~~217-751-4400~~, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).

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