

# 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

### GATHERING<sup>1</sup>

*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 WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

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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<sup>2</sup> <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**

**BLESSING<sup>3</sup>**

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, \$\$

Noisy Offering for Champaign County Human Society

UWF Meeting

Today!

Today!

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## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays:

Carolyn Cain, Susan Jones

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