

THE PRESENT WORD

ADULT BIBLE LESSONS

W O R S H I P L E A F L E T S

THE CALL OF WISDOM

*Responses are in **bold**.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 34:11, 14

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

HYMN

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*GtG*, 88)
(Refrain)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1:1–4, 7–8, 10, 20–22, 32–33

1:1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David,
king of Israel:
²For learning about wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,
³for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
righteousness, justice, and equity;
⁴to teach shrewdness to the simple,
knowledge and prudence to the young—
.....
⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.
⁸Hear, my child, your father’s instruction,
and do not reject your mother’s teaching;
.....
¹⁰My child, if sinners entice you,
do not consent.

.....
²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
²¹At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²²“How long, O simple ones, will you love
being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their
scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
.....
³²For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys
them;
³³but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of
disaster.”

BIBLE STUDY

To be led using the Participant’s Book, p. 2, and Leader’s Guide, p. 4.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

God of wisdom, we give thanks for this new day,

bringing the glory of Jesus Christ, who makes all things new.

Especially we give thanks for the mission and ministry of the church . . .

Every service that proclaims your love . . .

The people and relationships that sustain us . . .

Our calling to daily discipleship . . .

Signs of new life and hope . . .

God of wisdom, renew this weary world,

heal the hurts of your children,

and bring about your peace for all.

We hear the call of wisdom, O LORD. Incline our ears to words of wisdom and instruction, that we may hear and heed. We are in awe of your holy presence! Be with us this day as we seek to discern the beginning of knowledge. Amen.

Individual prayers of thanksgiving and intercession may be offered. There may be silent prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray *(select a version of the prayer)*:

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Heb. 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49–56

May God, our Wisdom, pour out thoughts in you
and make the Word known to you.

May Jesus Christ, our Messiah, give you the strength
to carry your cross and to follow him.

And may the Holy Spirit, our Tongue of fire, guide our words and our actions,
as we strive to bless the world with our witness.

Amen.