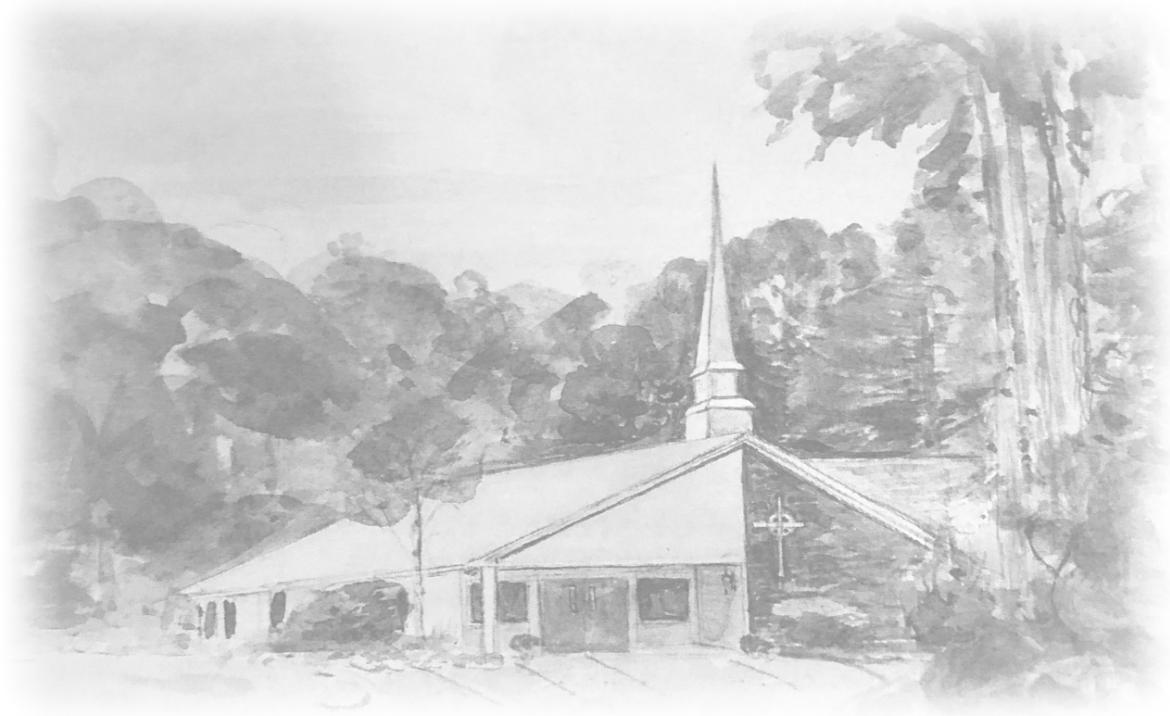


Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod



“I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Psalm 122:1

The Lord's Day

June 28th, 2020

Rev. Dr. James A. La Belle, Pastor

Morning Worship 10:00 am – Afternoon Study 4:30 pm

We welcome you to the Lord's house, to the worship of the living and true God, and into the fellowship of this congregation.

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM AS OUR GOD

Psalm 29

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 556 God the All-Terrible!

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Westminster Shorter Catechism 81

Q. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

A PSALM OF RESPONSE

Psalm 51C God, Be Merciful to Me (Stanzas 1-3)

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD

Lord of all wisdom we thank you for the wisdom by which you made this world. You order all nature and history by your wisdom, working all things according to your holy will. You order our personal lives by your wisdom, bringing into them exactly the right combination of joys and sorrows, trials and blessings to shape us after the image of your beloved Son.

Lord, we confess that we deeply lack wisdom. We have not feared you but instead have feared people and circumstances giving the reverence and awe to the created order that belongs to you as our Creator. We have rejected your perfect wisdom revealed in your Word preferring to trust the wisdom of this world instead. We have sought to define for ourselves what is good and what is evil in our relationships, our speech, our work, and our sexuality. We have failed to love others as we ought and instead we have hurt them with foolish and unkind words or with cold and heartless silence. We have grumbled about your providence and the circumstances of our lives instead of recognizing and delighting in your fatherly wisdom that does all things

well. Spirit of wisdom, teach us to seek after wisdom passionately. Wisdom is your gift. Give us hearts that desire it and pursue it. Show us how wisdom always leads us back to the cross, on to obedience and upward toward our heavenly home. Hasten the day when we will join the crowd around the throne in heaven, lost in reverence before the God of all wisdom, the Lamb slain for our sins. Amen.

A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:27–30

A HYMN OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn 476 It Is Well with My Soul

SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON

Proverbs 10:31-11:18 Pew Bible Pg. 679

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

Followed by the Lord's Prayer ("Debts")

OUR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY TO GOD

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Old Hundreth L.M. (587)*

PREPARING WITH PRAISE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 484 On the Good and Faithful

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

James 3:13-18 Pew Bible Pg. 1290

Wisdom Produces Peace

Intern Derrick Leitão

OUTLINE

James 3.13-18 Wisdom Produces Peace

Wisdom from Above is Not False to the Truth, v. 14-16
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I. Wisdom from above is meek and lowly. It is from a true knowledge of ourselves as helpless and sinful creatures in light of a Holy and Almighty God.

A. In contrast to false wisdom that arises from our sinful nature, which is self-reliant and independent of God.

1. It begins in the heart. The heart needs to be changed (Matt. 5.5).

What is false wisdom or worldly wisdom?

a) First, it is earthbound. It is only concerned with the here and the now.

b) Second, it is unspiritual. It is sensual and bodily only. It is against the spiritual man; the new man in Christ (Col. 3.10).

c) Thirdly, it is demonic (2.19). It is full of disorder, unrest, unsettled and never satisfied, always roaming seeking someone to devour and control as jealousy and ambition requires.

- (1) It leads to every vile practice unlike our God who is undivided, who is not a God of confusion or disorder but a God of peace (1 Cor. 14.33).

Wisdom from Above is Peaceable, v. 17-18

- I. He gives us a list of eight characteristics similar to Paul's list describing the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5.22-23). It begins with purity and the rest fall under this umbrella.
- A. It is peaceable or peace-loving; not jealous or envious or fierce; gentle, mild, equitable or considerate of others not selfish; open to reason, compliant, easily obeying or easily persuaded, submissive in the non-essentials without the need to demand strict claims or exaggerate one's own position; "full of mercy and good fruit" (Matt. 5.7).
1. It is to be impartial, like God, transparent and sincere. Such are those who are reliable and trustworthy giving proper advice.
- a) He is describing the Christian who bears much fruit as Jesus says he would (John 15.8). They reflect their covenant-keeping God. **They are peacemakers.**
- (1) They are those who have received the gospel of peace. The peace that has been made between the sinner and God through Jesus Christ and they have been made wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3.15).
- II. Application.
- A. This wisdom that sows peace can only come from God. It is not self-made or earthly. It is spiritual.
1. What is driving our discussions, arguments and agendas? Is it a lust for power, control or selfish ambition? Or is it for the good of others and/ or the body of Christ?
- a) The opposite of our selfish ambition is what makes for peace. Anger, jealousy and selfish ambition can only reap ungodliness, disorder and every vile practice.
- (1) It is not following the pattern of our Lord who served in meekness and gentleness in order to redeem his people. He was the ultimate Peacemaker. He is the all-wise God in the flesh, who gives wisdom and peace to those who ask him. Amen.

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 485 Like a River Glorious

OUR LORD'S BENEDICTION

HIS CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity. The whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. - McKee CM

We extend a **cordial welcome** to the visitors in our service today.

Sunday Evening Sermon: **The Walk of Faith – Lesson 4** **– James La Belle**

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, July 1st, 6:30pm

Birthdays this week:

July 4th Jeff Dodge

July 4th Josiah Leitão

Anniversaries:

July 1 Carlos & Edith Pereira

The missionaries for this month – Dr. Jim and Jenny Knox, Mbale, Uganda

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