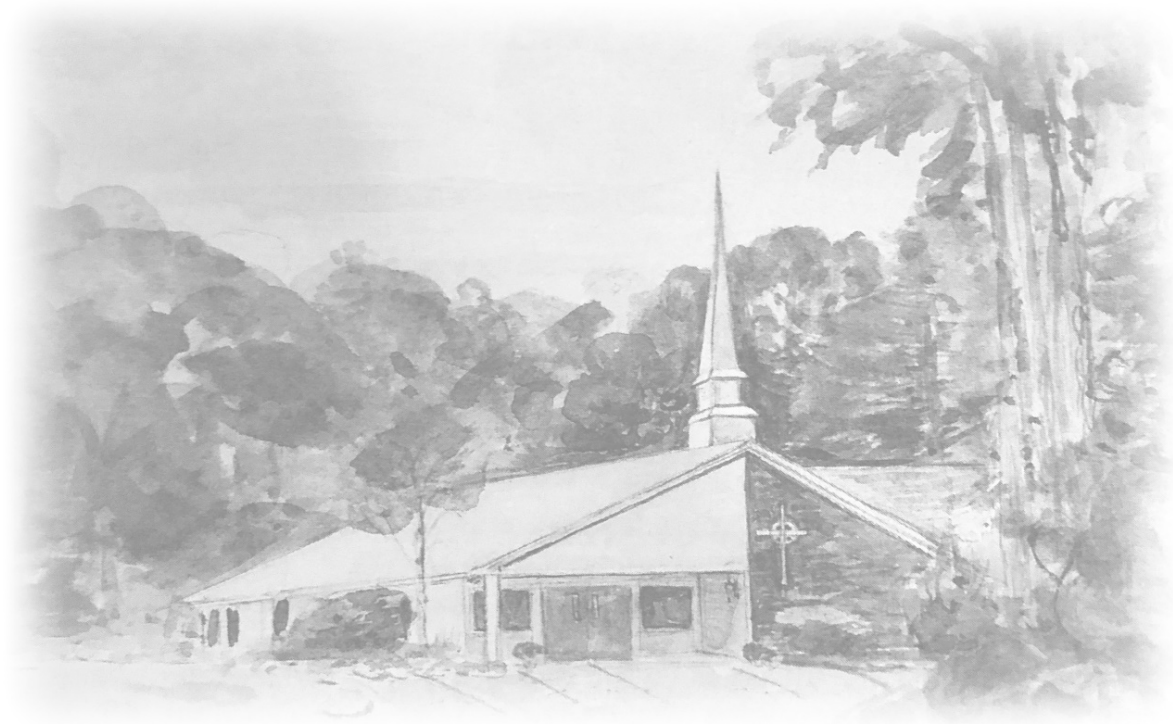


# *Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod*



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

*The Lord's Day*

July 12th, 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 98:1-3*

**A HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Hymn 465 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**A PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD**

**Westminster Larger Catechism 193 & Westminster Shorter Catechism 1**

**Q. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?**

**A.** In the fourth petition which is give us this day our daily bread, acknowledging that in Adam and by our own sin we have forfeited our right to all the outward blessings of this life and deserve to be wholly deprived of them by God and to have them cursed to us in the use of them and that neither they of themselves are able to sustain us nor we to merit or by our own industry to procure them but prone to desire, get and use them unlawfully. We pray for ourselves and others that both they and we, waiting upon the providence of God from day to day in the use of lawful means, may of his free gift and as to his fatherly wisdom shall seem best, enjoy a competent portion of them and have the same continued and blessed unto us in our holy and comfortable use of them and contentment in them and be kept from all things that are contrary to our temporal support and comfort.

**Q. What is the chief end of man?**

**A.** Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

**A HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Hymn 534 – Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God*

**THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD**

Giver of all graces, you are full of grace and truth and all your mercies end in our delight. Since the dawn of time when Satan first tempted with a lie and mankind readily chose to believe it, we have been people full of blindness and

deception. In the garden you made a promise that your goodness, kindness and love would triumph over our rebellion and you have kept that promise. You have never lied to us and you have been faithful to your Word though we have been unfaithful deceivers. Father, thank you for your grace, mercy and truth. Spirit of Truth, illuminate us and transform us, we pray. Convict us of our specific sins and help us to repent, for we cannot do this without your help. May the pure truth of our Father's unconditional love for liars like us humble us deeply. Let the truth of his joyful determination to save us exalt our hearts and fill us with a gleeful gratitude that lays hold of our hearts and tongues, filling them with thanksgiving and praise. We thank you that you are our advocate, our helper and our closest friend and that you will never leave us. Grow us in truth until the day we stand before our precious Savior and become like him forever. In his name we pray, amen.

**A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING  
PERSONAL SINS**

**GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED**

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18

**A HYMN OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

*Hymn 435 – Not What My Hands Have Done*

**SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON**

1 Kings 10:26 – 11:8                      Pew Bible Pg. 370

**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**

*Psalm 73C – In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee*

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

James 4:1-3                      Pew Bible Pg. 1290

A World at War

Intern Derrick Leitão

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**OUTLINE**

*James 4.1-3 A World at War*

A World at War Within, v. 1

- I. What is causing the disturbance of peace?
  - A. The war begins in the flesh that wars against the Spirit (Gal. 5.17-21).
    - 1. This is found in every Christian. There is a war within our members (Rom. 7.23).
      - a) But what for? It is from a desire for pleasure; the pleasure-seeking life. It is believing that man's chief end is man.

A World Brought to Nothing, v. 2a

- I. And what is the outcome of a pleasure-seeking life? It is violence. Sinful desires have sinful outcomes and the flesh loves it!
  - A. "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer (1 John 3.15)."
    - 1. This is a sixth and ninth commandment violation. They are zealous to possess and what is the outcome? **Nothing.** This is a stern warning for us today.

- a) Ironically our Head is called the Prince of Peace. Yet, how often is there a war within us that desires personal gain and we will take that war into the church?

## A World Gone Wrong, v. 2b-3

II. They desired to lead, to teach, to gain riches, but they lacked what they needed, which was heavenly wisdom that produces peace. All we need to do is ask (Matt. 7.7-8).

A. It's a reminder of King Solomon and the Prodigal Son. We are his weekly prodigal children. When our desire for seeking pleasure takes over our lives, our dependence upon God our Father suffers and our prayer life suffers. We stop asking God for anything. Yet, we will never be satisfied. 1 John 5.14.

1. Pleasure is not the problem. God gave us all things to enjoy but within their proper context according to his will (i.e. sex within the context of marriage; all things good in moderation). But when it begins to govern our lives, our desires set up idols for us to worship. We begin to love the gifts more than the Giver. We waste what he has given us on our passions.

a) This is when our sinful flesh drives all of our decision making without the restraint of the Holy Spirit. We were created to enjoy pleasure and to have desires and passions. But our desires become sin when we desire and fulfill those desires in a manner, which God has forbidden.

III. Application. How unlike God we truly are?

A. He has all things to give us at his disposal. All we need to do is ask in prayer. But the focus and motive of our prayer ought to be for God's name, God's will and God's kingdom, before we ask for our needs. The chief end of man is to glorify God and **enjoy him** forever.

B. Consider Jesus Christ and consider his own passion as a man. His zeal and desires were to fulfill his Father's will, even when he desired to continue living and not endure the cross (Matt. 26.42). This was the passion of our Paschal Lamb.

1. Where is our passion and zeal? What drives us? What motivates us? To whom shall we yield to? The flesh or the Spirit? One must win the war (Rom. 6.19, 8.13; Titus 3.3-4).

2. What are we fighting for? What don't we already possess in Christ? Money? Status? Power? Control?

3. Are we content with what we already have? If we are in need, we ought to ask God. Do we ask for wisdom to handle what he will or will not give us?

4. Again, where is our zeal? To glorify God and enjoy him forever? For in him is all the pleasure that we need (Ps. 16.11; Ps. 37.4). Amen.

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### **RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD**

*Hymn 450 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

### **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

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

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**June 2020 Giving Statement**

Total June Giving.....	\$ 26,132.20
June Giving Weekly Average.....	\$ 6,533.05
Weekly Average Giving to Date.....	\$ 4,641,14
Budget - Weekly Average Needed...	\$ 4,553.88

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**Sunday Evening Sermon: The Walk of Faith – Lesson 5  
– James La Belle**

**Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, July 15th, 6:30pm**

**Birthdays this week:**

July 13th Charlotte Furman

July 15th James Hobbs

July 17th River La Belle

July 17th Derrick Leitão

**The missionaries** for this month – Mark and Jeni Richline,  
Montevideo, Uruguay

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