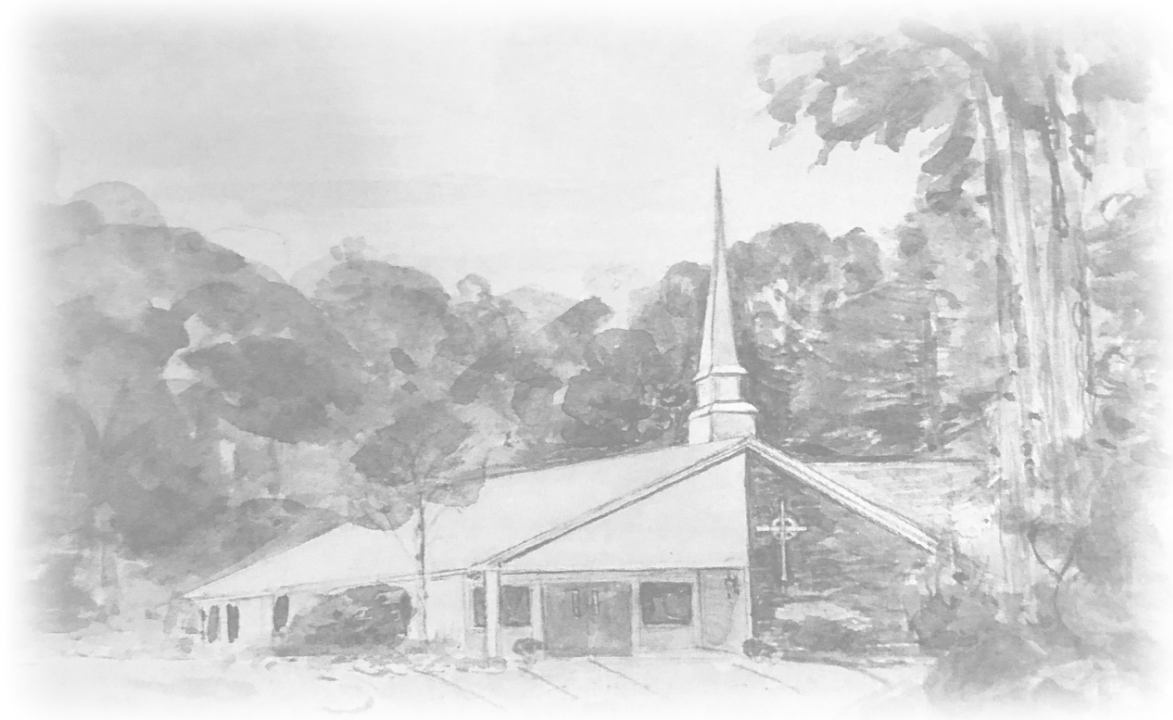


Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod



“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 26th, 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 95:1-3

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 236 - To God Be the Glory

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Westminster Confession of Faith 16.3

Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. And that they may be enabled thereunto, besides the graces they have already received, there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit to work in them to will and to do of his good pleasure. Yet are they not hereupon to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty unless upon a special motion of the Spirit but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 466 - My Faith Looks Up to Thee

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD

Mighty and majestic God, we come to you as deeply self-centered people. You have been so much better to us than we deserve, faithfully fulfilling your commitment to give us good things in Christ and you deserve all glory and honor to be given to your name. Yet we want the glory to accrue to our names instead. We quickly forget all the wonderful gifts that you have given us and we act as if our achievements were the result of our own efforts while our failures belonged to someone else. Instead of remembering our utter dependence upon you and running to you daily as our shield of refuge, we prefer to give ourselves over to our idols because we love our sins and it seems too costly to fight against them. We are overconfident in our own strength and we doubt your goodness and power many times each day. Father forgive us. Holy Spirit, we need your power at work in us to stir up our weak faith. Help us to know and worship our God as he truly is, the unchangeable, sovereign, wise

King who has sworn by himself to save us in spite of our foolishness. Cause us to know the certainty of God's great love for us until we are transformed into people who love him deeply and are able to run the race of obedience humbly, with strong confidence and joyful hope in Christ. Open our lips to join the heavenly worship service as we look forward to the return of our heavenly King. Amen.

A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED

Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Romans 10:9–10

A HYMN OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn 477 – By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON

Isaiah 54:4-8

Pew Bible Pg. 781

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 398 – O Spirit, Fill Our Hearts

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

James 4:4-6

Pew Bible Pg. 1290

Grace Abounds

Intern Derrick Leitão

OUTLINE

James 4.4-6 Grace Abounds

The Enemies of God, v. 4

- I. Throughout the Old Testament (e.g. Isaiah, Jeremiah and Hosea) God's people are pictured as the adulterous bride of God. This is usually in reference to her idolatry.
 - A. This would make us friends of the world and enemies of God. What does it mean to be a friend of the world?
 - 1. It is to be a friend of the world system that is driven by man's sin, under the dominion of Satan (the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life, 1 John 2.15-16). It is displayed in infighting, quarrelling over riches, divisions, discrimination, bitterness, envy, jealousy, selfish ambition and destructive pleasures (Phil. 3.19).
 - a) We cannot seek to serve sin and at the same time seek to please God. It is contradictory.
 - (1) But how great is our God? Rom. 5.10

The Longing of God, v. 5

- I. We also see throughout the Old Testament that God longs for his wayward bride and pursues her like Hosea longed and pursued Gomer. God pursues his bride with jealousy (Ex. 20.5)!
 - A. God wants our entire person and our entire devotion just as a husband would want his wife's devotion (Matt. 10.37).
 - 1. The point of this text is that God loves us, and he longs for us.
 - a) But God is not idle. He does something about it.

The Grace of God, v. 6

- I. The good news is that he gives **more grace!** Rom. 5.20. This is enabling grace to live like Christians (1 Cor. 10.13; Heb. 4.16).
 - A. Christians are not a strong group of people. The only way they are triumphant is through the One they are united to.
 - 1. Prov. 3.34. The proud desire to be self-sufficient and self-reliant. These desires lead to idolatry. Ps. 2.4.

a) Luke 6.24-26. The proud rely on worldly achievements and status.

2. The humble are the needy, the dependent, relying on God for all that they need and thank him for all that they have.

a) Humility meets us in our prayer closet as we come before an all-powerful and all-wise God.

II. Application. He gives more grace to the humble, not the self-sufficient; not the “righteous” or “perfect” ones (Matt. 9.13). The self-righteous can only expect judgment.

A. There's more grace when there is failure. And this grace enables us to grow in Christlikeness. It is a constant cycle all the way up to glory. Christ was enabled in his flesh to accomplish what he came to do when he conquered sin, Satan and death by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. For the Christian, God gives us grace to be humbled in light of our own sin, that we may live as Christians in a fallen world. There is always more grace for you, for you are a child of God.

1. From his fullness, we have all received grace upon grace (John 1.16). Amen.

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 433 Amazing Grace

OUR LORD'S BENEDECTION

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: Corporate Prayer

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, July 29th, 6:30pm

Birthdays this week:

July 27th Chantry La Belle

Anniversaries:

July 30th Duncan & Anne Spooner

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

Bulletin announcements should be submitted to Elly Mead by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Please e-mail to pccsecretary@gmail.com.