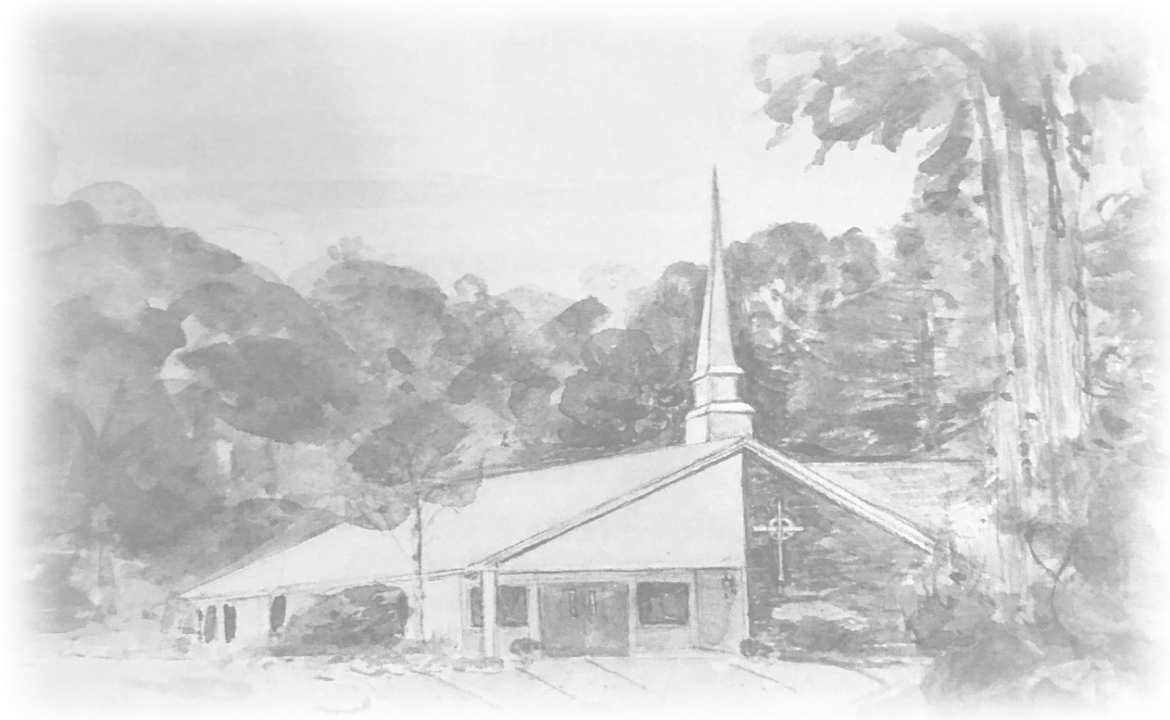


Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod



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

The Lord's Day

September 13th, 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 100

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 248 – All Creatures of Our God and King

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Westminster Shorter Catechism 11

Q. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures and all their actions.

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 256 – God Moves in a Mysterious Way

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD

Almighty God, we have come before you to worship you but as we speak words of worship and sing songs of praise, we are reminded by your Word that we are to have no other gods before you. We have fallen woefully short of keeping this great command. Our worship of you is neither consistent nor wholehearted. You have called us to set our minds on things above, yet we habitually allow our minds to slip back toward things of earth, the fleeting pleasures that this world offers us in food, sexual immorality and entertainment, the seeming glory it grants us in reputation, success and money. Holy Spirit, lead us back to the good news of the gospel, that all our sin has been put to death, fully and finally by Christ on the cross. Help us to see the reality of our justification. We have been raised with Christ and our relationship with God has been secured as beloved children. Help us to put to death the remaining sin in our hearts but give us the confidence to admit that our struggle with sin is ongoing and will be so until you glorify us. Give us bold faith that lingers at the cross longer than we linger over our sins. Entice us with the good news from above so that our worship might flow from transformed hearts enraptured by a God who loved

us first. Clear our spiritual vision, we pray, that we might see our souls as hidden with Christ on high, our Savior and our God. In his name we come, amen.

A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED

You will say in that day I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation. I will trust and will not be afraid for the Lord God is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:1–3

A HYMN OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn 434 – A Debtor to Mercy Alone

SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON

Proverbs 26:27-27:3

Pew Bible Pg. 696

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 Hundred L.M. (587)*

PREPARING WITH PRAISE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 195 – Shine Thou upon Us, Lord

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

James 4:13-17

Pew Bible Pg. 1291

If the Lord Wills

Intern Derrick Leitão

OUTLINE

James 4.13-17 If the Lord Wills

The Arrogance of Godlessness, v. 13-14
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- I. He identifies his audience as bigshots! They are out for riches and gain.
 - A. There is a pride and self-confidence about them that believes that they are actually in control of anything.
 - 1. But man's knowledge is limited. We do not know what tomorrow will bring (Matt. 6.25, 34). How often do our plans change at the last minute?
 - a) Man's time is limited.
 - (1) The problem is the arrogance in believing that we have ultimate control over what will happen tomorrow.

Boast in the Lord's Will, v. 15-16

- I. It's not just about how we ought to speak.
 - A. Making plans is not the problem (Prov. 6.6-8). Making profits through business is not the problem. We are not waiting for signs from heaven in order to do God's will. We have God's will in Scripture. And it's not a flippant attitude toward life either (Matt. 4.5-7).
 - 1. The problem is **Godlessness** (Rom. 1.21). The problem is not considering God and his will. It is self-reliance, self-centeredness and arrogance. Because God has the ultimate control.
 - a) Our time on this earth is limited. And there is only one who knows all and who is all-powerful. He has ultimate control over all things. He has our plans in his hands. Consider the little power and knowledge that man has and compare it to the eternal power and knowledge of God.
 - (1) This is why we ought to trust in God and in his gracious will!

(a) **God's greatest act of providence was the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.** Imagine if God left man to his own planning. He would be damned. But through the foolishness of the cross he saves man.

i) Rather than boasting in our own will, we ought to boast in the Lord and in the cross of Christ!

The Lord's Will Be Done, v. 17

I. And seek his will to be done. Instead of being "judges" of the law, we ought to be doers of the law.

A. Sin is not just doing something wrong, but it is also knowing the right thing to do and failing to do it. Oh, how sinful we truly are?!

1. The right thing to do is to consider and acknowledge our God and giving him thanks for the day he has given us.

a) We are not called to boast in our works but to do our works and boast in the Lord. He upholds the universe by the word of his power (Heb. 1.3). He governs where we are, where we're going, what we are to do and what we are to become. He presents his good will for us to do, if we fail to do it, it is sin (Matt. 12.47-48; 25.42-43).

(1) Our time is limited, so let us plan accordingly. If we fail to consider our Lord and his will, it is sin.

(a) I would remind you that we have a Mediator and an Advocate who bore our sin (2 Cor. 5.21). Amen.

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 538 – Take My Life, and Let It Be (Stanzas 1,2&5)

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.

Afternoon Study – Walk of Faith: Lesson 10 – Pastor La Belle

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, September 16th, 6:30pm

The Promises Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 pm at the church. We will be reading Chapter 8 beginning in the section on faith.

Birthdays this week:

14th – Levi Furman

16th – Paula Grenier

Anniversaries:

17th – Chris & Melanie Beveridge

The missionaries for this month – Tony and Kathleen Curto, Ethiopia

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