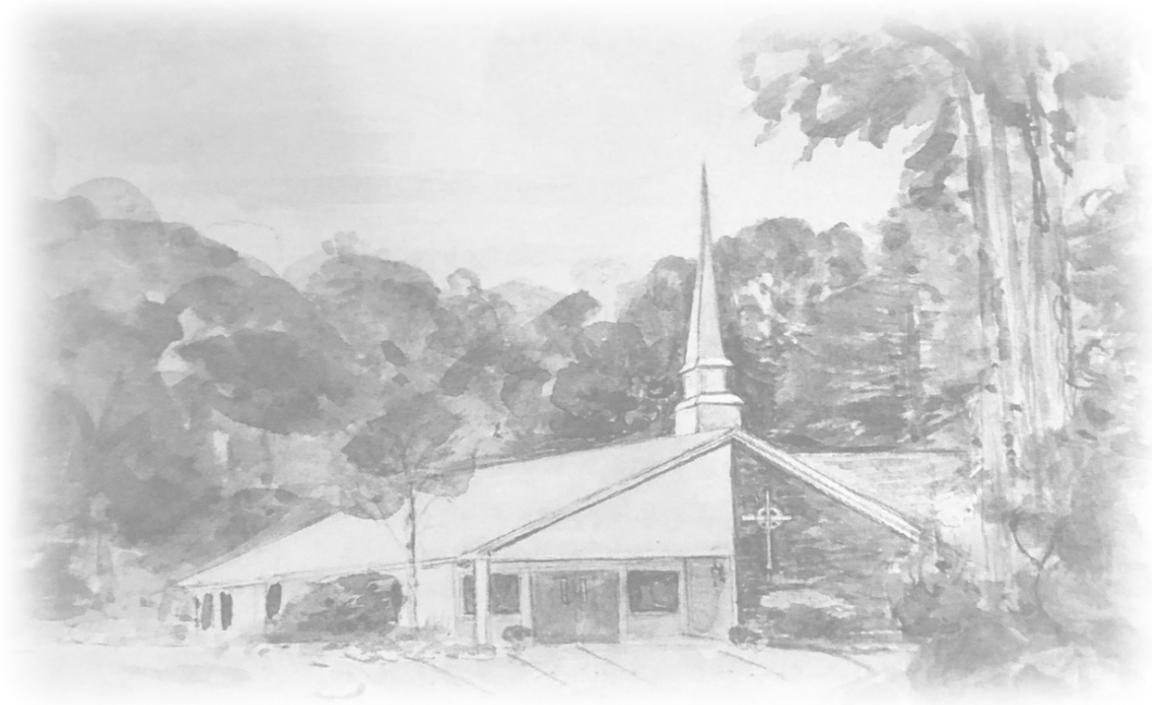


# *Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod*



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

*The Lord's Day*

October 4th, 2020

Rev. Dr. James A. La Belle, Pastor

Christian Education 8:50 am – 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 146*

**A HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Hymn 254 – Let All Things Now Living*

**A PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD**

Westminster Larger Catechism 54

**Q. How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?**

**A.** Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father with all fullness of joy, glory and power over all things in heaven and earth and doth gather and defend his church and subdue their enemies, furnisheth his ministers and people with gifts and graces and maketh intercession for them.

**A HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Hymn 526 – He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

**OUR RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD'S LAW**

*The Ten Commandments*

**Responsive Reading**

**The Ten Commandments**

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.

**Response: We shall worship the Lord our God and him only shall we serve. (Matthew 4:10)**

2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

***Response:* God is spirit, and we must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)**

3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

***Response:* Our Father is in heaven and His name is to be hallowed. (Matthew 6:9)**

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

***Response:* I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord...to give thanks to the name of the Lord.” (Psalm 122:1,4)**

5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

***Response:* Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. We will not provoke our children to anger but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1,4)**

6. You shall not murder.

***Response:* Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave us. (Ephesians 4:32)**

7. You shall not commit adultery.

***Response:* But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among us, as is proper among saints. (Ephesians 5:3)**

8. You shall not steal.

***Response:* Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. (Ephesians 4:28)**

9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

***Response:* These are the things that we shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in our gates judgements that are true and make for peace; we shall not devise evil in our hearts against one another, and we shall love no false oath. (Zechariah 8:16,17)**

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

***Response:* We have learned in whatever situation we are to be content. (Philippians 4:11)**

And the Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

### **THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD**

Mighty God, the forces that are arrayed against us in this life far outmatch our little strength. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against powerful spiritual forces in the heavenly realms. Our enemy is strong and crafty and if we try to stand against him in our own strength we will inevitably fail. Yet Father we confess that we often trust in our own wisdom and strength as if we were mighty and self-sufficient. We go through life oblivious to the dangers around us and not heeding the warnings of your Word. When we find ourselves defeated yet again, we complain and moan as if you had let us down when the fault is entirely ours. Instead of praying and asking for your help, we grumble and resent our weakness. Father forgive us. Holy Spirit, thank you that you are at work strengthening us daily. When you give us the grace to stand, depending upon you, help us to remember that the strength is yours and not ours. When you leave us to ourselves and we fall, show us your good purposes in that too, help us to learn our own weakness, to become more watchful and distrustful of ourselves, to pray more frequently and fervently and to become more eager for the final day of our victory in Christ. Thank you that he is even now interceding for us and that he will continue to do so throughout our earthly warfare until he welcomes us into his closer presence. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

### **A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS**

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

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life nor angels nor rulers nor things present nor things to come nor powers nor height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39

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

*Hymn 277 – Before the Throne of God Above*

#### **SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON**

Job 42:10-17

Pew Bible Pg. 566

#### **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)*

#### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

James 5:7-12

Pew Bible Pg. 1291

Wait for the Lord

Intern Derrick Leitão

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#### **OUTLINE**

*James 5.7-12 Wait for the Lord*

Wait for the Lord, v. 7-8
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I. For those who are being mistreated, wait for the Lord.

- A. When there seems to be no solutions to your problems, be patient, and wait for the true Problem-Solver, who can transform your difficult situations.
1. The farmer has no control over when it rains and when and if the crops would grow. He has to totally rely upon God. And God is faithful to bring forth growth (Deut. 11.14).
    - a) All that we are waiting for comes from God. He will reverse our misfortunes, so there is no need for personal vengeance (Rom. 12.19; Rev. 22.12). So, strengthen your resolve to follow Christ. He will deliver you (Rev. 21.3).

Be Patient with One Another, v. 9-11
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- I. So, we should live in light of his coming judgment. The sins of the tongue here are twofold. First, we are to be patient with one another.
- A. “Do not grumble against one another.” To grumble is to groan or sigh in a complaining manner about someone else, usually done behind their backs.
1. Why? “So, that you may not be judged.” If our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ and his return (Mark 13.29; Rev. 3.20) as the just judge and avenger of wrongs done to us, why do we grumble and make wrongful judgments?
    - a) This is what it means to bear the cross as we bear with one another and bear oppression (Gal. 6.2; Eph. 4.2; Col. 3.13; Ex. 3.7-8; Matt. 5.22).
  2. First, consider the prophets (Matt. 5.11-12; 23.29-36; Heb. 11.35-38).
    - a) Their only hope of salvation and deliverance was from the Lord.
      - (1) Doing God’s will, will lead to suffering and we must wait for the Lord to transform our situations.
  3. Secondly, consider Job. Consider the irony that neither of the two mentioned are innocent of grumbling or complaining but they rested in the hope of the coming Lord (Job 19.26).
    - a) When we see God, he will transform all of our problems to good.
      - (1) Consider Job 42.5-17. This was not only to show us Job’s faith but to show us God’s compassion and mercy toward those who do not deserve it.
        - (a) Through Christ’s patient longsuffering, bearing the cross, dying and rising from the dead, he restores us.

Speak Truthfully with One Another, v. 12
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- I. Secondly, another sin of the tongue that occurs under pressure is swearing an oath in the name of God too quickly (Matt. 5.33-37; 23.16-22).
- A. This is in regard to personal oaths in personal relationships not official oaths like what we do in court, etc. (Lev. 19.12, 18; Matt. 23.16-22; 12.37).
1. He is calling us to be truthful in our speech (Eph. 4.15), yes or no.
    - a) Just as God swore a vow that he kept in the gospel (Heb. 6.13-20). God is trustworthy, so should we.
      - (1) He will not take back his word. He holds on to us so that we may hold on to his promises (2 Cor. 4.17). Amen.

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

*Hymn 545 – The Battle Is the Lord's!*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*(The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.)*

## **DEACON'S OFFERING**

## **RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE & MERCY**

*Hymn 386 – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

# **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.

**Afternoon Study** – Philippians 2:9-11 The Exaltation of YHWH - Derrick Leitão

**Prayer Meeting** – Wednesday, October 7th, 6:30pm

**Christian Education** 8:50am: October 11th

**Birthdays this week:**

October 4th – Sandy Creel

October 6th – Jan Jakel

October 6th – Alice Regan

October 9th – Thomas Hoffrage

**Birthdays this week:**

October 7th – Dave & Sonia Connolly

**The Session is pleased to announce that it has examined David Belcher for membership and is satisfied with his trust in Christ as Savior and commitment to live, by grace, for Him. David will be publicly received into membership on Sunday, October 18th.**

**REMINDER:** Pick up your shoe box today and help us reach as many children as possible. Every shoe box gift is an opportunity for children to hear the Gospel. Many children are in need around the world and many of them never receive a gift. Samaritan's Purse ministry through Operation Christmas Child wants as many as possible to know of God's gift of salvation. A follow up program teaches children about Christ's love.

**The missionaries** for this month – Heero and Anya Hacquebord, Ukraine

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