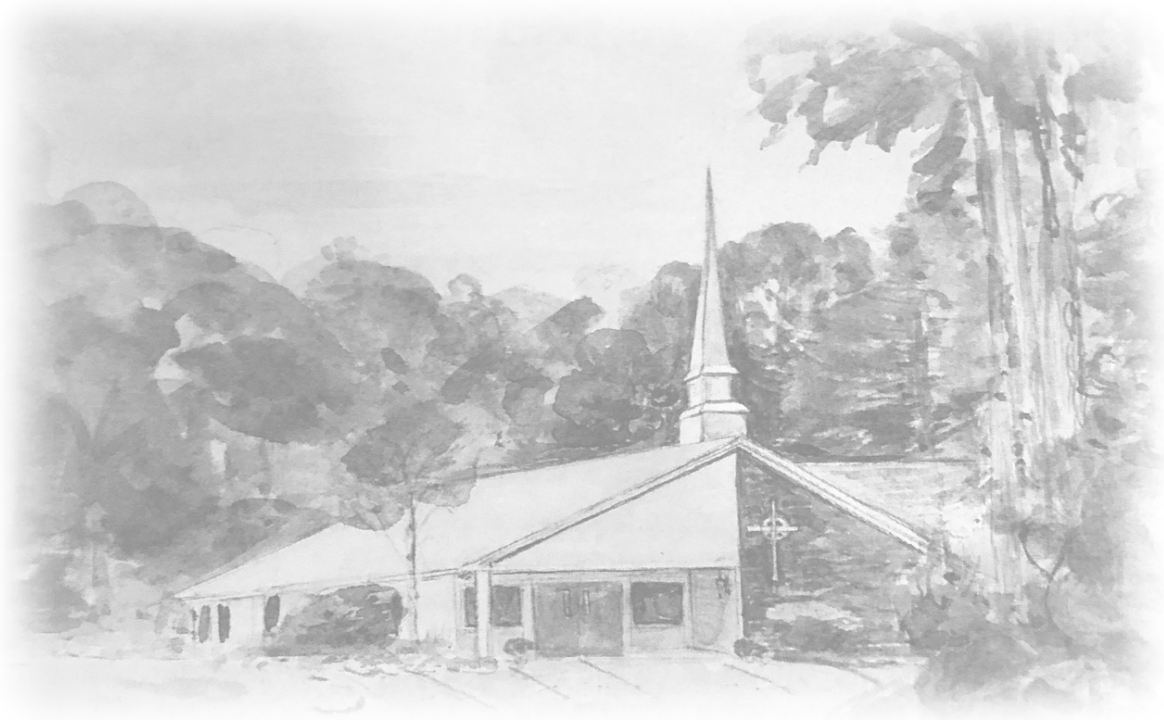


Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod



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

The Lord's Day

November 8th, 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 96:7-10

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 215 – Give to Our God Immortal Praise

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Q. What does the sixth petition mean?

A. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil means we are so weak that we cannot stand on our own for a moment and our sworn enemies, the devil, the world and our own flesh never stop attacking us. And so Lord, uphold us and make us strong by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may not be defeated in this spiritual fight but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hymn 518 – Come, My Soul, with Every Care
(Stanzas 1 & 2)*

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD

Heavenly Father, many of us come before you today with troubled hearts and minds. We are fearful about our relationships, our health, our finances, our families, our futures and many other things. We have a hard time believing in you in a way that would bring comfort to our hearts. Instead we greatly doubt your love and concern for us and sometimes even your very existence. We are not calmed by the thought that you have prepared a place for us in heaven. Father forgive our unbelief. Holy Spirit, help us to believe in Christ. Help us to believe that in his death we died and that in his resurrection we are raised to new life. Give us the joy and peace that should flow from that reality as we continue to face the broken world in which we live, especially as we face the last enemy, death itself. Help us to live in the light of our full forgiveness and to die with great confidence in the sufficiency of your grace to us

in Jesus Christ. In his name, we pray, amen.

A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED

Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 11:25–26; 3:16

A HYMN OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn 300 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Stanzas 1 & 4)

SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON

Psalm 55:1-8

Pew Bible Pg. 603

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 509 – Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Job 10:1-2

Pew Bible Pg. 536

Turning to God

Rev. James A. La Belle

OUTLINE

Job 10.1-2—Turning to God

Job's lament

- I. *I loathe my life. My soul is weary of my life* (KJV).
 - A. Job's body is so afflicted that his soul wearies of inhabiting it any longer, cf. 7.5, 15
 - B. He gets no relief, day or night, cf. 7.3-4
 - C. He's sick of living and longs for death, cf. vv.20-22

Job's resolve

- I. Job will be the first to agree that he shouldn't complain (cp. Ps 39.9; Pr 10.19; Zech 2.13)
 - A. But against his better mind, he's resolved to speak and vent his complaint.
 - B. His bitterness of soul is so great that he can't keep it in. He saw no other way of relief than to let it out.
- II. Job's friends were so critical of his words that he was wary of speaking to them. But he knew he could speak freely to God. So he bare his soul to God, even if in sore bitterness, because he knew that God knew his heart and would not be so critical of his every word as his friends had been.

Job's caveat

- I. Job wanted to speak what was right. He wanted to speak reverently of God. He wanted to speak as a believer ought to speak.
- II. But his bitterness was so great that he inserted a caveat to say that if he misspoke or overstepped, it wasn't his better judgment that spoke, but rather his bitterness (cp. Rom 7.15-20; Jer 20.9)
- III. Thus, while there may be less of Job's faith in this speech than there is of Job's feelings, yet his faith is still present and working as it moves him, again and again, away from his friends to his God.

Job's faith

- I. If Job's bitterness must speak, at least he'll see that it speaks to God.
 - A. Job's faith becomes visible as he turns to God. He holds on to God and presses through all his doubts and fear to God, his God.

Lessons

- I. Learn what a hard thing it is to bear an affliction without sin.
 - A. How rare is that person who can not only bless God at the beginning of a trial, but who can continue throughout it?
 - B. How many times have you seen Christians who seemed strong and steady be practically crippled by an affliction?
 - C. This is because affliction is hard to bear. Our flesh is opposed to it and we simply can't bear it in our own strength.
- II. Learn what an absolute necessity faith is to the afflicted.
 - A. The reason we sink under our afflictions like a man caught off guard is because we're not equipped with that faith in Jesus which changes everything.
 - B. Look again at Heb 11 and see what faith enabled God's people both to do and to suffer. Faith is the Christian's panacea for every affliction because it lays hold on Christ and all His graces.
- III. Learn with what patience and grace we should bear with the afflicted
 - A. Part of the reason Job's friends were so bitter to him is because, on top of all their criticism, they failed to bring forth any of the graces that are needed when dealing with hurting people.
 - 1. We learn from them how not to handle suffering people!
 - B. Let us instead study the life of our Saviour and learn from His handling of hurting people—as well as His handling of us, Mt 11.29; 9.2, 22; 14.27
- IV. Learn the wisdom of storing up your treasures in heaven, Mt 6.19-20
 - A. Every treasure in this life has its own troubles, but Christ is the treasure in heaven that will never disappoint.
 - B. He can carry you through all your troubles and give you joy in spite of them, Jer 31.13; Ps 66.6

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 510 – Come, Ye Disconsolate

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 – Sinful words: What they are and how to overcome them, Part 2 – Pastor La Belle

Tuesday, November 10th: Women's Fellowship at 6:30, Chapter 8, Omniscient

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, November 4th, 6:30pm

Christian Education: November 15th – Tim Barr, Chapter 6:1-15, J.C. Ryle's Matthew Study

Thank Offering: A Thank Offering will be collected during Morning Worship Service on November 22nd

Birthdays this week:

November 10th – Lauren Nadzeika

November 12th – David Smith

The missionaries for this month – James and Esther Folkerts, Uganda

REMINDER: Shoe boxes are due in a few days. If you are close to completing your box but can't make the deadline, please email Jeanne at jeannecapecod@gmail.com, and we will try to work with you to help. Local volunteers in many countries are now being trained to follow-up the shoe boxes with a clear presentation of the Gospel to the children and their families. What a privilege we have to be able to participate in this program!

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