

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM AS OUR GOD

Psalm 32:10-11

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 404 – The Church's One Foundation

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Form of Government 1.3 and 11.1

Christ orders his church by the rule of his Word. The pattern of officers, ordinances, government and discipline set forth in Scripture is therefore to be observed as the instruction of the Lord. Church government must conform to the scriptural pattern and follow the specific provisions revealed in the New Testament. In those circumstances not specifically ordered by Scripture the church must observe the general rules of the Word. Among the biblical admonitions applicable to all circumstances are those requiring that all things must be done decently, in order and for edification. A particular form of church government is bound to set forth what Christ requires for the order of his church and to arrange particular circumstances only in the manner to the degree and for the purposes that the Lord of the church has appointed in Scripture. The presbyterian form of government seeks to fulfill these scriptural requirements for the glory of Christ, the edification of the church and the enlargement of that spiritual liberty in which Christ has set us free. Nevertheless while such scriptural government is necessary for the perfection of church order, it is not essential to the existence of the church visible.

The Scriptures designate the office of deacon as distinct and perpetual in the church. Deacons are called to show forth the compassion of Christ in a manifold ministry of mercy toward the saints and strangers on behalf of the church. To this end they exercise in the fellowship of the church a recognized stewardship of care and of gifts for those in need or distress. This service is distinct from that of rule in the church.

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 405– I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD

Our God and Author of all life, we confess our inattentiveness to your Word. Though we enjoy the benefits of the Bible's accessibility, its clear translation, abundant circulation and unhindered distribution, we often leave it unread, unopened, untouched. When we do turn to your Word many times we do so with mixed motives. We search for justification for our own behavior or seek grounds for criticizing others. We fail to join intellectual interest with personal humility. We salve our consciences by trusting in our faithful devotions rather than in Jesus' faithful devotion. Or we fear and tremble at the condemnations of your Word, missing its main purpose of pointing us to the atoning work of Jesus, the Word incarnate. Father, forgive us. Holy Spirit, thank you for inspiring those who wrote and recorded God's Word. We ask that you enlighten our eyes, that we may understand what has been written.

Help us to find our only refuge in the Word incarnate. Bind us in union to Jesus so that the piercing power of the Word may not strike us down but rather separate our sin from us. Turn our eyes away from the false promises of this life and fix our minds constantly on the glorious reward that is set before us because of Jesus' victory. In Jesus' name we ask, amen.

A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me saying Fear not, I am the first and the last and the living one. I died and behold I am alive forevermore and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Revelation 1:12, 14–18

A PSALM RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Psalm 103A – Bless the Lord, My Soul (Stanza 3)

SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON

1 Timothy 3:8-13

Pew Bible Pg. 1263

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RIVER LA BELLE AS DEACON

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 Hundredth L.M. (567)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 6:1-7

Pew Bible Pg. 1163

The Need and Benefit of Deacons

Pastor James A. La Belle

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 536 – Jesus Calls Us

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*

Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod

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

Afternoon Study: Reformed Worship Lesson 6 - We Submit to God's Agenda & Meet on His Terms - Pastor La Belle

Women's Fellowship: Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm, Chapter 10, Omnipotent of None Like Him

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday, March 3rd - 6:30pm

Christian Education 8:50am: Sunday, March 7th – J.C. Ryle's Matthew Study, Chapter 13:1-43

Birthdays this Week:

February 1st – Janet McSorley

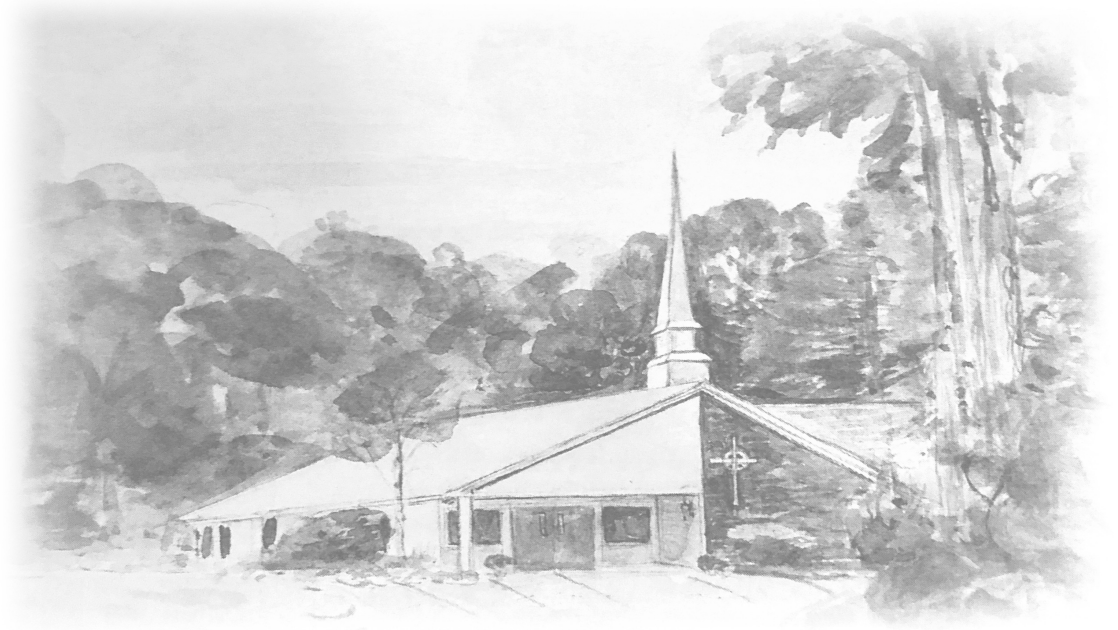
February 6th – Julie Davis

February 6th – Duncan Spooner

Elizabeth asks that we please excuse the disorder of the library while it is being cataloged and reorganized. New and improved on its way!

The missionaries for this month – Octavius and Marie Delfils, Haiti

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



“I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Psalm 122.1

The Lord's Day

February 28th, 2021

Rev. Dr. James A. La Belle, Pastor

LIVE STREAMING @

<http://presbyterianchurchofcapecod.com/live-stream/>

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. If this is your first visit, please sign the guest book in the foyer.