

APOSTOLIC GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Proverbs 4:4 – 9

A PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 135 – O Praise the LORD! His Praise Proclaim! (stanzas 1-2, 4-5)

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Westminster Confession of Faith 21.6-8

Hymnal p. 932

A PSALM OF RESPONSE

Psalm 95A – O Come Before the LORD, Our King (stanzas 1-3)

OUR RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD’S LAW

The Ten Commandments (see insert)

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD

Creator God, at the beginning of time you created a day of rest, a sign pointing forward to the eternal rest that we will share with you forever. You now ask your people to set aside one day in seven to rest and to worship. We thank you for this precious gift, yet we misuse it in so many ways. For some of us it is a day to keep rules, impress others with our piety, and parade our righteousness instead of needing yours. For some of us, Sunday is a day to catch up on work, to play and recreate with no thought of you. We foolishly believe that we can love you well on our own, without the brothers and sisters with whom you have called us to walk through life. Lord, have mercy on us in our weakness and sin. Jesus, you loved to worship and faithfully honored the Father by a weekly Sabbath. Thank you for honoring the Sabbath for us, in your heart and with your body. Holy Spirit, correct our thinking and strengthen our souls. Remind us of the love of Christ until our hearts are humbly drawn to hunger for God’s Word preached faithfully. Help us to worship wholeheartedly, and strengthen us with the body and blood of Christ at the Lord’s Table. May all other things seem small and insignificant compared to loving and obeying you well, as we look forward to worshiping you forever, gathered with all the saints around your throne. Amen.

SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

GOD’S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your

souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28–30

A PSALM OF RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

Psalm 138B – With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring (stanza 1)

SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY’S SERMON

Revelation 4:5 – 11, 5:6 – 14

Pew Bible pp. 1313-1314

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)

PREPARING WITH PRAISE TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Hymn 172 – Speak, O Lord (stanza 2)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 5:7

Pew Bible p. 569

How Are We to Worship God? Pastor James A. La Belle

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD’S WORD

Psalm 103C – Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD (stanzas 1-2)

THE SACREMENT 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 AND MERCY

Psalm 103C – Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD (stanzas 3, 7-8)

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: Today, 4:30 pm, *The Godly Man's Portion & Sanctuary*, Lesson 7, *Cautions, Objections, and Inferences about God's Good Providence*, Pastor James La Belle.

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday, March 8th, 6:30 pm. Contact Deacon Dodge with any prayer requests (Jeffraedodge@gmail.com).

Small Groups: Please contact Pastor James La Belle (riverchan@mac.com), or Elder Harris (Harris.Chris@bls.gov) if you'd like to join a group in your area.

OPC Women's Retreat: April 14-15th (pre-retreat fellowship day is April 13th) at Hume New England in Monterey, MA. Visit www.opcpnynewomensretreat.org for more information. Early bird registration deadline is *March 10th* to receive a \$10 discount. Registration deadline is *March 17th*. If you are planning to attend, please contact Chantry La Belle (riverrock@icloud.com) for carpooling arrangements.

The missionary for this month: *Mike and Lili McCabe*, China.

March Calendar: Please pick up on the table next to the front door.

Birthdays this week: Julie Davis (6th), Duncan Spooner (6th), Arnie Johnson (7th)

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

The Lord's Day

March 5, 2023

Rev. Dr. James A. La Belle, Pastor

LIVE STREAMING @

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

Christian Education 8:50 - 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.