

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 11, 2018, 9:00am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements *Doug Peterson*

Gathering

Call to Worship (Adapted from Luke 1:46-55, *The Magnificat*)

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord!

PEOPLE: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

Leader: For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

PEOPLE: For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

Leader: He who is mighty has done great things for me.

PEOPLE: Holy is his name!

Leader: His mercy is for those who fear him, from generation to generation.

PEOPLE: He has shown strength with his arm.

Leader: He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

PEOPLE: He has brought down the mighty from their thrones.

Leader: He has exalted those of humble estate.

PEOPLE: He has filled the hungry with good things.

Leader: But the rich he has sent away empty.

PEOPLE: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.

Leader: He keeps his promises forever.

PEOPLE: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri (Page #142 in your hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Choruses

The Word

*Old Testament Reading: Hosea 10:12-15

(Blessing and sending of children to Children's Church (K-4th grade))

The Gathering of Tithes & Offerings & Musical Offering

"We Belong to Christ"

Lunberg

Congregational Prayer

*New Testament Reading: James 3:13-4:10

Sermon

"The Meekness of Wisdom"

Pastor Greg

Sending

*Hymn #617

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Sullivan

*Blessing

*Postlude

*If you are able, please stand

Sermon Notes:

VISION

To know Christ and to make Him known

MISSION

Worship, Grow, Love, Reach

First United Presbyterian Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will develop disciples who worship God, grow spiritually, care for the congregation, and reach out to the world.

Sermon Outline: **“The Meekness of Wisdom”**– James 3:13-4:10

I. Introduction: Cause, Effect, and Conflict

II. What Is Wisdom?

A. “Wisdom” In the Eyes of the World

1. Pride and Ruthlessness (vv. 14-16)
2. Origin: Demonic (v. 15)
3. Fruit: Disorder and Vileness without End (v. 16)

B. Wisdom In the Eyes of Heaven

1. Humility and Meekness (v. 13)
2. Origin: From Above (v. 17)
3. Fruit: Peace and Righteousness (vv. 17-18)

III. Spiritual Warfare in the Human Heart

A. Fights with Others Often Grow Out of Your Own Sick Heart

B. An Inner War of Passions (vv. 2-4)

1. Discontentment and Murder
2. Covetousness and Fighting
3. Lack of Prayer, Lack of Provision (v. 2)
4. Selfish Prayer, Silent Response (v. 3)

C. You Can Choose the World or God, But Not Both (vv. 4-8)

1. If You Choose the World, You Choose the Devil
 - i. Pride: You Will Live a Lie
 - ii. God Will Oppose You
 - iii. The Devil Will Eat You (1 Pet. 5:8)
2. Choose God
 - i. Humility: You Will Live the Truth
 - ii. God Will Give You Grace
 - iii. The Devil will Flee from You

D. How to Choose God: Humble Yourself (vv. 9-10)

1. Change Your Actions
2. Change Your Heart
3. Renew Your Mind
4. Confess Your Sins
5. Engage Your Emotions in Righteousness

IV. Conclusion: God Will Exalt You

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