

James 3:1–12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

We Worship the Lord Together

Praise the LORD in Scripture

1 Peter 2:22–25

- Leader

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return.
- Congregation

When He suffered, He did not threaten. He continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.
- Leader

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
- Congregation

By His wounds we have been healed. Praise King Jesus!

Praise the LORD in Song

Holy Holy Holy

- Holy holy holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy holy holy, though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity

Holy holy holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Pastoral Prayer

Praise the LORD for our Children

Children's Lesson

Praise the LORD in Giving

Offering

We Are Built Up Together

Scripture Reading & Sermon

James 3:1–12

Praise the LORD in Song

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

CHORUS

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One

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Respond through Declaring our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 70. What is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, You shall not commit adultery.

Ex. 20:14.

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

1 Cor. 7:2-3, 5, 34, 36; Col. 4:6; 1 Pet. 3:2.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, we confess that we have sinned against You with our words, our thoughts, and our actions. We have used our tongues to wound rather than heal, to tear down rather than build up, and to speak carelessly rather than with grace. Forgive us! Please cleanse our hearts, tame our tongues, and make our words a source of blessing rather than harm. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"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." All who are in Christ are forgiven and will never be separated from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Receive the LORD's Supper

Psalm 73

Surely God is good
To all the pure in heart
But as for me my feet had almost slipped
I nearly lost my grip
For I envied the arrogant
They are free from my burdens

Surely I in vain
Have kept my my heart pure
And surely they are strong and free from trials
While I am so confused
Then I entered Your holy place
Then I saw their destiny

Surely they're cast down
As those on slippery ground
As dreams fade when we wake so they become
Completely swept away
In my heart I was arrogant
Like a beast before You

Yet always You are near
You guide me by Your Word
And always my Lord God You are my strength
My portion You will be
You're my refuge my Sovereign Lord
I will sing of Your awesome deeds
You're my refuge my Sovereign Lord
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Receive the Benediction

Announcements:

1. Sunday School for adults, youth, and children will be immediately following regular worship. Join us as we gather together, grow in God's Word, and encourage one another as we follow Christ.
2. Be sure to check out the new Monthly Newsletter. You can find it attached in the weekly Redeemer email.
3. Interested in learning more about Redeemer? Join us for our Intro to Redeemer Class, **continuing this Sunday November 1**. This class is a great opportunity to learn more about who we are, what we believe, and how you can become a member and get connected to the life of our church. If you're interested in attending or have any questions, please see Pastor Paul.



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Monthly Financial Update

Fiscal Year 04/01/26 — 03/31/27
04/01/2026 – 09/30/2026

Budgeted Giving FYTD	\$105,474.50
Actual Giving FYTD	\$86,899.50
Difference FYTD	(-\$18,575.00)

Operations—CFY Annual Budget \$210,360

Current Operations Reserve*	\$91,776
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*Reserve = funds over and above 2.5 months of budgeted operating expenses

Defined Savings

Building Fund	\$131,505
Other Defined Savings	\$12,516



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