



James: Faith and Works
Speaking and Boasting

August 24, 2025



Scan to check out our website.
Pastor Kerry Foote
Cell: (305) 407-7040
pastor.foote@outlook.com
Church address: 9243 Parkhill Road
Tallahassee FL 32317
Church Phone: (850) 219-9361
Web site: chairesmethodist.church

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS
WELCOME OF GUEST
PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Kerry Foote
Rev. Kerry Foote Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by James 3:13- 4:8)

Liturgist: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

Congregation: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Liturgist: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

Congregation: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Liturgist: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

Congregation: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

Liturgist: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

All: Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons

See screens.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Liturgist

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 18:1-7 (NKJV)

Liturgist

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment. ²A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart. ³When the wicked comes, contempt comes also; And with dishonor comes reproach. ⁴The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook. ⁵It is not good to show partiality to the wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment. ⁶A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows. ⁷A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Kerry Foote

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to let every word we speak be pleasing in your sight. Let no words come from our mouths that would be hurtful to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. ²For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. ³Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. ⁴Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. ⁵Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! ⁶And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

¹³Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

4 Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires* for pleasure that war in your members? ²You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. ⁴Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? ⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. ⁹Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

¹¹Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹²There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who ^[a]are you to judge ^[a]another?

¹³Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow ^[a]we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; ¹⁴whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. ¹⁵Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." ¹⁶But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

¹⁷Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

MISSION MOMENT

Rev. Kerry Foote

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Rev. Kerry Foote

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Am Thine, O Lord

See screens.

**Please stand as you are able*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kerry Foote

SERMON

Pastor

Title: James: Faith and Works

Theme: Speaking and Boasting

Big Idea: Words are incredibly powerful and carry in them both life and death.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

Rev. Kerry Foote

OFFERTORY PRAYER

May these offerings symbolize the desire to submit to your will and seek wisdom in all things. Use these gifts to further the kingdom and to bring glory to your name, not for selfish pleasures, but for the good of all and the advancement of our church mission. May our lives be a reflection of wisdom, demonstrating grace and love to a world in need. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Wonderful Words of Life

See screens.

*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Rev. Kerry Foote

(Inspired by James 3:13-4:3)

Go out, clothed in strength and dignity. Submit yourselves to God and resist the devil. Delight in the Lord's teaching, open your hands to the poor, and let your actions arise from the wisdom of God. And may God draw near to you and strengthen you; May Christ Jesus teach you the ways of simplicity; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and make you fruitful in peace and righteousness. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord...and all of God's children said...**Amen.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Love and Fellowship

See screens.

POSTLUDE