

# *The Lord's Day*

January 29, 2023 at 10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.  
As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.*

## **We prepare for worship**

*Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...*

*From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.* Isaiah 64:4

Prelude *The Church's One Foundation (Tune: Aurelia)* Samuel Wesley  
Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr. – Director of Music Ministries

*Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.*

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

## **We praise our great God**

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:9-10

9 The LORD sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!  
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

Invocation

Hymn No. 38

*Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise*

Joanna

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

## We embrace Christ's Call

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, VIII.8

**To all those for whom Christ has purchased redemption, He does certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey; and governing their hearts by His Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by His almighty power and wisdom, in such manner and ways as are most consonant to His wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.**

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> **Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

In them he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, **and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; **the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; **the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; **the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! **Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, **O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of God's Grace

1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Hymn

*How I Love Thy Law, O Lord*

Fountain

(sung to the tune of #253 - *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*)

How I love Thy Law, O Lord! Daily joy its truths afford;

In its constant light I go, Wise to conquer every foe.

*Sweeter are Thy words to me Than all other good can be;  
Safe I walk, Thy truth my light, Hating falsehood, loving right.*

Thy commandments in my heart Truest wisdom can impart;  
To my eyes Thy precepts show Wisdom more than sages know.

While my heart thy word obeys, I am kept from evil ways;  
From Thy law, with Thee to guide, May I never turn aside.

### **We acknowledge God's blessings**

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

### **We respond in gratitude for God's blessing**

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Harry Shelley  
The Aisquith Choir

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine for where streams of living water flow, my ransom'd soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I stray'd, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me. Perverse and foolish oft I stray'd, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thou spread'st a table in my sight, Thy Cross before to guide me. Thy unction grace bestoweth, and O the transport of delight, with which my cup o'erfloweth. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; good Shepherd may I sing Thy praises Within thy house forever! Amen.

*The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication*

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. Amen.

### **We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-9

Pew Bible pg. 953

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup> But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him.”

Sermon

“A Beautiful Wisdom”

Pastor Ceselsky

*Sermon Outline can be found on the back page of the bulletin.*

**We respond to God’s grace**

Hymn No. 642

*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tow’r:  
Raise thou me heav’n-ward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Son!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg. 740**)

Danish

Postlude

*Crown Him With Many Crowns (Tune: Diademata)*

George J. Elvey

*Please be seated and quietly reflect upon the Lord’s grace during the Postlude.*

---

**Announcements**

**A Congregational Meeting is hereby called** for NEXT Sunday, February 5, 2023, to immediately follow the worship service. The is our annual stated meeting for the purposes of reviewing the annual reports and voting on officer candidate: Deacon Rick Willis.

**We will be hosting a congregational breakfast** on NEXT Sunday at 9 a.m. Please plan to join us for a morning of fellowship before we gather for worship.

**We have a special Missions focused Lord's Day** next Sunday. John & Gwen Cicone will be joining us via video towards the end of our congregational breakfast and Sandy Rockwell (MTW missionary in Peru) will be sharing with us during the Worship Service.

**Annual Reports and Giving Receipts from 2022** are available in the Narthex.

**Can you offer rides to Worship?** There is a couple living at Glen Meadows (on Glen Arm Road) that are members of a sister PCA church in our presbytery. They are looking to worship with us but are unable to drive. If you are able to help with picking them up, please talk with Pastor Ceselsky.

**The Tiemann Special Music Fund** is in need of donations for 2023. With Easter approaching quickly this year, we are in need of funds to be able to enhance our worship not only during the Easter season, but throughout the year.

**Our Hand Bell Choir** is seeking donations to the Tiemann Special Music Fund so that the bells can receive an overdue refurbishment.

**The Andrade Family** will be hosting a luncheon following the worship service on Sunday, February 12 to thank everyone for their prayer and assistance to the family while Noe has been away.

**2023 Photo Directory Updates** are available in the narthex – these will easily insert into your previous version. If you notice any needed updates or need a new covered copy, please let Pastor Ceselsky know.

**We are still collecting inkjet cartridges.** There is a box in the kitchen for any donations.

### Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to prayer for Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne, as she is once again in the hospital in Jamaica.
2. Please be in prayer for the many members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who currently struggling various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

### Weekly Calendar

TODAY:	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Room 17 Adults and Older Children – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (Nursery is available in Room 25)
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15,16
Saturday	11:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Congregational Breakfast – Room 11 (with video call to the Cicones)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (with the Lord's Supper)
	12:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting

### Coming Soon

Sunday, February 12 – Congregational Lunch hosted by the Andrade's

## Church Officers

**Ruling Elders:** Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

**Deacons:** Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, & Ken Schumann (President)

**Deaconesses:** Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

## Sermon Notes

Date: January 29, 2023

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9

Sermon Title: "A Beautiful Wisdom"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Perfect wisdom is found only in the Lord's love for us.

Main Point 1: Wisdom's hidden nature.

Point 1: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor the heart of man imagined (v. 9)

Point 2: Secret, or hidden wisdom of God (v. 7)

Point 3: Decreed – revealed – imparted (vv. 6,7)

Main Point 2: Wisdom's eternal nature

Point 1: Temporary (v. 6)

Point 2: Eternal (v. 7)

Main Point 3: Wisdom's glorious nature

Point 1: Accomplished by the Lord of Glory (v. 8)

Point 2: For our glory (v. 7)