

The Lord's Day

November 12, 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...

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Bradbury

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.; Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

RE Mark Werner

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 133

¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Invocation

Hymn No. 355

We Are God's People

Symphony

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n;
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone for on its own each member loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

We embrace Christ's Word

Command of God

Titus 3:1-2

¹ Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Titus 3:3

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

Titus 3:4-7

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
⁵ **he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy,**
by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
⁶ **whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,**
⁷ so that being justified by his grace
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hymn No. 9 (HMR)

Alive in Christ

Sola Gratia

I once was rebellious, corrupted by sin, pursuing the devil's dark path,
Oblivious, dead to the state I was in, an object of God's dreadful wrath.

But God who is rich in compassion and love, not leaving my soul to the grave,
Has given me life; born again from above, by God's sovereign grace I've been saved.

God lifted me up to the heavenly realms where seated with Christ I am free;
In ages to come he will show me more grace—so great is his kindness to me.

Since grace is the source of the life that is mine—and faith is a gift from on high—
I'll boast in my Savior, all merit decline, and glorify God 'til I die.

Yet now I am living with work to be done for I am God's workmanship too,
Created in Christ with a race to be run, which God has ordained me to do.

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

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw
The Aisquith Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, alleluia. Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, alleluia. The Lord hath delivered His people, alleluia. O be joyful in God all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His Name, make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, alleluia. Declare ye this and let it be heard, alleluia.

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 are nourished by God's Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-2

Pew Bible pg. 982

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.

Sermon

"The Enemy Within"

Pastor Bell

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 347

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

The church's One foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

Danish

Postlude

Let All Mortal Flesh

(Picardy) - R V Williams

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

Announcements

We welcome Pastor Bell as he brings God's Word to us today!

This Year's Thanksgiving Offering will be used to support Mission to the World's Crates for Ukraine initiative. This is an opportunity to give to churches and to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in great need as the result of nearly 2 years of war. You can use your Thanksgiving Offering envelope in your envelope box, or you can use a pink envelope and label it "Thanksgiving Offering." The timing of this offering is critical as they need to prepare shipments on November 21 – so if you are able, please do not wait until Thanksgiving to donate.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are available in the narthex. Filled boxes must be returned no later than NEXT Sunday, November 19!

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season following the worship service on Sunday, November 26.

Poinsettias for Christmas may be ordered again this year. The sign-up book is in the narthex and the cost is \$10 again this year. The deadline to sign up for the flowers is Sunday, December 3!

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield as she and the doctors consider how best to deal with her cancer.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for the three of the children of the Johnson's cousins as the family currently lives in Israel and these three children are serving in the Israeli Defense Force.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she has been struggling with many of the difficulties brought on by her FND.
4. Please be in prayer for Aisquith members, family members and friends of the Aisquith Community who are currently struggling with various illnesses and other physical and emotional issues.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY:	10:30 AM	Worship Service (Nursery available in Room 25)
Monday	6:15 PM	Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Room 15
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Room 15
		For the Bible Study Review the questions and notes on pgs. 49-54
Saturday	10:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Adults – Room 11 Young children – Room 17
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service

Coming Soon

Wednesday, November 22 – 7 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sunday, November 26 – 12 PM – Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

Deacons: Andrew Bell (on sabbatical), Gus DeFord, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

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

Sermon Notes

Date: November 12, 2023

Text: Philippians 4:1-2

Sermon Title: "The Enemy Within"

Delivered By: Pastor Emeritus Robert Bell

Proposition: A church filled with disunity and disharmony is already defeated and dead.

Main Point 1: Divisions in the church are contrary to the Apostle's expectations.

Point 1: Christians should live in family unity.

Point 2: Christians should have tender affection for each other.

Point 3: Christians should be the objects of our concern.

Main Point 2: Divisions are contrary to the nature of the church.

Point 1: The church has a single task.

Point 2: The church should be marked by helpfulness.

Point 3: The church should be a place of oneness.

Main Point 3: Divisions in the church will be a fatal weakness in our witness to the world.