

# *The Lord's Day*

November 26, 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...*

*Christian man is a most free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian man is a most dutiful servant of all,  
subject to all.* Martin Luther

Prelude Arioso J.S. Bach  
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 24:3-6

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
<sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Invocation

Hymn No. 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### **We embrace Christ's Word**

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 88 & 89

What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

**The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all of which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.**

How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

**The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.**

Call to Faithfulness (Unison)

Romans 6:1-4

**<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do [we] not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**

Individual Confession of Sin

Assurance of Salvation

1 Peter 1:18-21

<sup>18</sup> You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Call to Preach the Gospel (Responsive)

Romans 10:12-15

<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

**for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.**

<sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?**

And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?

**And how are they to hear without someone preaching?**

<sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

**As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”**

Hymn

*Bought By the Blood*

Dr. Bryan Chapell/arr. Highland Cathedral

Bought by the blood of heaven's perfect Lamb,  
Freed from the bonds of earth by pierced hand,  
He all my worthiness and I his sin,  
Nailed to a cross by pow'r of God's love.

*Though his call take me far away,  
Tho' it cost my name, comfort and gain,  
I will serve him all my days,  
My life now his, my Lord.*

Bold I approach my King's eternal throne,  
Robed in a righteousness that's not my own.  
Filled with his Spirit for a holy cause,  
Bearing his cross by pow'r of God's love.

Lord, now grant me for the Gospel strife,  
Grace for the morning and the fearful night,  
Strengthen my zeal for my dear Savior's reign  
Raising his cross by pow'r of God's love.

**We acknowledge God's blessings**

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

RE Jeff Soule

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

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Seek Ye The Lord*

J.V. Roberts  
The Aisquith Choir

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon, He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon, abundantly pardon, abundantly pardon.

*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

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Pew Bible pg. 957

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Sermon

“The Chameleon”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

### **We respond to God’s grace**

Hymn No. 444

*O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling*

Tidings

O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light;  
That he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

***Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.***

Behold how many thousands still are lying bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,  
With none to tell them of the Savior’s dying, or of the life he died for them to win.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation, and died on earth that man might live above.

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious; give of your wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious; and all your spending Jesus will repay.

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

Danish

Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Beethoven, Arr. Lani Smith

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

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### **Announcements**

**Thank You to all that donated** to this year’s Thanksgiving Offering donated to the Crates for Ukraine campaign. We raised \$3,867.00 for our brothers and sisters in Christ to the Glory of God!

**This Year’s Christmas Offering** will again go to the Ministerial Relief Fund of the PCA. This fund is used to help retired pastors and widows of pastors who struggle with economic hardship. Please give generously as you are able. You can use your “Christmas Offering” envelope or use one of the pink envelopes in the pew racks (please label them for the Christmas Offering).

**We will be decorating the sanctuary** for the Christmas season following the worship service TODAY!

**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 NEXT Sunday, December 3!

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield as she will have surgery to deal with the cancer on her lung TOMORROW.
2. 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:	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Adults – Room 11 Young children – Room 17
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (Nursery available in Room 25)
	12:00 PM	Decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season
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
<b>For the Bible Study Review the questions and notes on pgs. 55-62</b>		
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 (First Sunday of Advent)

### **Coming Soon**

Sunday, December 24 – 7 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### **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 26, 2023

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Sermon Title: "The Chameleon"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Christian must be completely Gospel focused.

Main Point 1: The Christian's Status.

Point 1: Free.

Point 2: Slave to Christ.

Point 3: Slave to All.

Main Point 2: The Christian's Submission.

Point 1: To the Jews. (v. 20)

Point 2: To the Gentiles. (v. 21)

Point 3: To the Weak. (v. 22)

Main Point 3: The Christian's Scheme.

Point 1: To win. (vss. 19-22)

Point 2: To Share in the Gospel's Blessings. (v. 23)