

The Lord's Day

January 7, 2024 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...

We start to grumble when our attention shifts from what we have to what we don't have. Are we grateful for what God has given us, or are we always thinking about what we would like to have?

Life Application Commentary

Prelude

More Love To Thee

(Caritas) - William Doane

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

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Invocation

Hymn No. 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Hyfrydol

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'er takes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

We embrace Christ's Word

The Reality of Sin

Romans 3:23; 6:23a

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death.

Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Psalms 51

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,**
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷ **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

⁹ **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³ **Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

¹⁵ **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷ **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;

¹⁹ **then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Individual Confession of Sin

The Forgiveness of Sins

Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Hymn No. 520

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Germany

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
ev'n then this shall be all by plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

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

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 hat 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 in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:7-11

Pew Bible pg. 957

⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Sermon

“Bad News to Good News”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn

Before the Throne

Sovereign Grace

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

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

Danish

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

Announcements

The Men's and Women's Bible Studies will be resuming on Wednesday with 2 weeks remaining in the current study on James. Beginning on January 24, we will start a new study on the three epistles of John. If you would like to participate, please speak to John or Julie Ceselsky TODAY!

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations this morning following the worship service. If you can stay to help, that would be greatly appreciated.

A new Adult Sunday School Class will begin next week. Riley Franklin will be leading us through a study of pre-incarnation appearances of Jesus in the Old Testament. Please plan to join us!

Annual Reports are due to Pastor Ceselsky no later than Sunday, January 21.

A Congregational Meeting is hereby called for Sunday, February 4, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the annual reports, and vote on a Session recommended change in the terms of call for Pastor Ceselsky.

Winter Weather Plans. As we enter now into Winter, here's how we will inform you of any changes to our Lord's Day schedule (or Bible Studies) if there is inclement weather. A statement will be posted on the front page of our website, we will send out a blast email (you can sign up for our emails on the front page of the website), and we will send out a text alert (if you want to sign up for text alerts please let Pastor Ceselsky know). This will all be done prior to 8 AM.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield as she continues to recover from surgery to deal with the cancer on her lung.
2. Please continue in prayer for Anna Graham as she recovers from her outpatient surgery last Friday. Pray as well as she will have a number of follow-up procedures to deal with other aspects of the issue she is dealing with.
3. 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 Adults – Room 11 Children – Room 17
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with The Lord's Supper (Nursery available in Room 25)
	12:00 PM	Take down Christmas Decorations

Monday	6:15 PM	Handbell Choir Practice – Room 28
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Joint Board Meeting of Session and Deacons – Room 38
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. 69-77		
Saturday	10:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		Adults – Room 11
		Children – Room 17
	10:30 AM	Lord’s Day Worship Service

Coming Soon

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 4 – 12:00 PM

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: January 7, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:7-11

Sermon Title: “Bad News to Good News”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Gospel is our only hope.

Main Point 1: For all have sinned.

Point 1: Common examples of sin.

1. Idolatry.
2. Sexual Immorality.
3. Temptation – Impatience.
4. Lack of contentment – grumbling.

Point 2: Against you only have I sinned.

Main Point 2: The wage of sin is death.

Point 1: Judgment

Point 2: Example for us.

Main Point 3: The Savior for sinners.

Point 1: Do Not.

Point 2: Redeemer.