

The Lord's Day

January 14, 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...

If God keeps us from temptations greater than we can withstand, we cannot plead our temptations as an excuse for sinning. Sin is never a necessity for a believer.

New Geneva Study Bible

Prelude

I Love To Tell The Story

William Fischer

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 108:1-4

¹ My heart is steadfast, O God!

I will sing and make melody with all my being!

² Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

³ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

⁴ For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Invocation

Hymn No. 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;

Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

We embrace Christ's Word

Our Acknowledgement of Temptation

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 78

Whence arises the imperfection of sanctification in believers?

The imperfection of sanctification in believers arises from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins, are hindered in all their spiritual services, and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.

Confession of Sin (Responsive)

James 1:12-15

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,

For when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life,

Which God has promised to those who love him.

¹³ **Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God,"**

For God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

¹⁴ **But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.**

¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin,

And sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Individual Confession of Sin

The High Priestly Intercession of Christ (Responsive)

Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

But one who in every respect has been tempted as we are,

Yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

That we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Certainty of Our Perseverance

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 79

May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Hymn No. 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

All Saints Old

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy Lamb of God!"

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

RE Mark Werner

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Eternal Life
(Prayer of St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226)

Olive Dungan
The Aisquith Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 10:12-13

Pew Bible pg. 957

¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Sermon

“Lead us not into temptation”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s grace

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!

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

Danish

Postlude

Traumerei, Op 15, No. 7

Robert Schumann

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

Announcements

Annual Reports are due to Pastor Ceselsky no later than NEXT 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. We give thanks that Kenneth Dean, IV; Dr. Dean's grandson; returned home having a hernia safely repaired. Please continue to pray for his recovery.
2. Please be in prayer for Tom Kilker and his family as he deals with cancer that has metastasized in several places in his body. Pray for his comfort and that the Lord would be glorified.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Sylvia Barfield as she continues to recover from surgery to deal with the cancer on her lung.
4. 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.
5. 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 (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. 78-84
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 14, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Sermon Title: "Lead us not into temptation"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We must not give into the temptation to sin.

Main Point 1: Temptations common nature. (v. 13a)

Point 1: We are not alone.

Point 2: Jesus. (Hebrews 4:15-16; 2:18)

Main Point 2: Stand up under temptation. (v. 12)

Point 1: Those who think they stand.

Point 2: Those who will fall.

Point 3: What about when a believer gives in to temptation?

Main Point 3: God is faithful (to us) in our temptation. (v. 13b)

Point 1: Limits the temptation.

Point 2: Strengthens us in temptation.

A. Provides a means of escape.

B. Provides the means to endure.