

The Lord's Day

September 8, 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...

The first step in religion is entire self-abasement; such a conviction of sin, of guilt and pollution, as shall lead to self-condemnation and self-abhorrence, and to a complete renunciation of all dependence on our own righteousness and strength.

Charles Hodge

Prelude

Chorale: *Then Unto God The Lord (Nun Lasst dem Herren)*

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

Psalms 62:5-7

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Invocation

Hymn No. 4

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me.

To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

We embrace Christ's Word

Our Spiritual Blessings in Christ (Responsive)

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

⁴ **even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.**

In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

⁶ **to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

⁸ **which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight**

⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

¹⁰ **as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

¹² **so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.**

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

¹⁴ **who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it to the praise of his glory.**

Our Calling to Be Spiritual Blessings

Romans 10:14-17

¹⁴ 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? ¹⁵ 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!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

What is justifying faith?

Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assents to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receives and rests upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

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**)

RE Jeff Soule

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place

Gordon Young
The Aisquith Choir

Let heav'nly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heav'n be heard; Let one grand song of praise of praise resound, one alleluia! Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard; Let anthem grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia! O may we join the heav'nly choir that through the ages will sing on; In praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia! One 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

1 Corinthians 14:21-25

Pew Bible pg. 960

²¹ In the Law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." ²² Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers. ²³ If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? ²⁴ But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, ²⁵ the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

Sermon

"How to Win People"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn

Speak O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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

Danish

Postlude

Spirit of God Descend Upon our Hearts/ Be Still My Soul (Medley)

Atkinson/Sibelius

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

Announcements

A Grief Share Support Group will be meeting at Valley Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays from September 10 through December 10 from 12 – 2 PM.

The Bell Choir will begin practices on Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 PM. New members are always welcome!

Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:00 AM next Sunday, September 15. Pastor Ceselsky will be leading the adult class on a study of the Gospels/life of Christ within the specific context of the land of Israel. Sandy Jones and Betty Werner will be leading the children's classes.

The Men's and Women's Bible Studies will both begin on Wednesday, September 18. Copies of the Study material are labeled and available in the narthex. (Men, please remember that the cost of each guide is \$14.)

Inverness Presbyterian Church (PCA) will be hosting a free conference October the 4th thru the 6th: Understanding End Times: What Does the Bible Say? An Amillennial Answer featuring Dr. Fowler White and Rev. Mick Weltin.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Maria Harris (Eileen Ley's daughter) as she continues to have tests so that she can have a bone marrow transplant later this month. Pray that she can have the surgery and that it will cure her leukemia. Pray as well for her husband and 2 daughters.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for George Johnson's nephew, Jesse, as he serves in the Israeli Defense Force. Pray as well for George's family as they live in this war-torn country.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as she recovers from back surgery this past week. Pray for a full, and speedy, recovery.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne, as she recovers and does rehab in relation to surgery.
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:	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Joint Board Meeting – Room 18
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Saturday:	10:00 AM	Choir Practice – Room 27
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages

10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship Service

Coming Soon

Women's Bible Study begins – Wednesday, September 18 – 10:30 AM – Rooms 15-16

Men's Bible Study begins – Wednesday, September 18 – 7:00 PM – Rooms 15-16

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

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

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

Sermon Notes

Date: September 8, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:21-25

Sermon Title: "How to Win People"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Salvation comes by the hearing of the Word.

Main Point 1: Failure to adhere to God's Word brings judgment. (vs. 21)

Main Point 2: Salvation is not found through religious show. (vss. 22-23)

Main Point 3: Salvation is found through the faithful preaching of the Word.

Point 1: Paul is focused on the human side of salvation.

Point 2: The unbeliever's sin is exposed. (vs. 25a)

Point 3: The unbeliever is called to account. (vs. 24d)

Point 4: The unbeliever is convicted of their sin. (vs. 24c)

Point 5: The unbeliever repents of his sin. (vs. 25b)

Point 6: The believer worships. (vs. 25c)