

The Lord's Day

October 13, 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...

When God's work is done in God's way for God's glory, it will not lack for God's supply. Hudson Taylor

Prelude O Thou Who Hearest, Every Heart Felt Prayer Gordon Young
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 80:1-3 RE Jeff Soule

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!
³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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

Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Question 32

But why art thou called a Christian?

Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of His anointing, that so I may confess His name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him; and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life, and afterwards reign with Him eternally, over all creatures.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

³ **He restores my soul.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ "I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁸ **And why are you anxious about clothing?**

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,

²⁹ **yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**

³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,

will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

³² **For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.**

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Hymn No. 559

Father, I Know That All My Life

Morwellham

Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me;
The changes that are sure to come, I do not fear to see:
I ask thee for a present mind, intent on pleasing thee.

I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do, or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.

I ask thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life, while keeping at they side,
Content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified.

In service which thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
My secret heart is taught the truth that makes thy children free;
A life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

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

And Can It Be? (Tune-Sagina) -Charles Wesley, arr. David T. Clydesdale
The Aisquith Choir

Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my god, shouldst die for me. And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing Love! How can it be That Thou, my god' shouldst die for me. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my god, shouldst die for me. He left His father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race. Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night. Thine eye

diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke the dungeon was flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth and followed, I followed Thee. Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, that Thou my god, shouldst die for me. Amazing love!

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 4:14-23

Pew Bible pg. 982

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Sermon

"The Blessings of Giving"

Pastor Bell

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 95

Though Troubles Assail Us

Joanna

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
You one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saint what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though of the has tried,
This heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;

Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

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

Danish

Postlude

Beneath The Cross of Jesus

Frederick Maker

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

Announcements

We welcome our Pastor Emeritus, Robert Bell as he proclaims God's Word for us this morning.

Pastor Ceselsky will be away (and out of the country) through tomorrow night. Please contact one of the elders if any issues come up during this time.

Donations to MNA's Disaster Relief Ministry to help with the recovery effort from the damage cause by Hurricane Helene can be made through the following link:

<https://give.pcamna.org/to/mna-disaster-response-2024-hurricane-helene-relief/>

Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace will be holding a concert at Covenant of Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Reisterstown on Friday, October 18. Tickets are available online (\$10) or at the door (\$15).

Food and help are needed for a meal following the memorial service for Wanda Wilson on Saturday, October 19 at 4 PM. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex or communicate directly with Pastor Ceselsky or Julie Ceselsky.

This year's Reformation Service will be at 3:30 PM on Sunday, October 27 at Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church (235 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold, MD). The theme for the service is *Sola Christus* and Dr. Glenn Parkinson (Pastor Emeritus of Severna Park E.P church) will be preaching. If you are in need of a ride to/from the service, or can drive others, please let Pastor Ceselsky know so that we can make sure that all who wish to attend are able.

Nominations for Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses may be submitted to Pastor Ceselsky, RE Mark Werner or RE Jeff Soule this month.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the narthex. Please feel free to fill as many as you want. Please check off which gender and age-range that the box is for. Boxes must be returned no later than Sunday, November 24.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she recovers from bypass surgery.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre (and for Nancy) as he has to have his lung drained from fluid every day.

3. 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.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as she continues to deal with tremendous pain in her back.
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:		NO Sunday School today.
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice – Room 27
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 18-20 – Dorcas)
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 32-42)
Saturday	4:00 PM	Memorial Service for Wanda Wilson
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Rooms 16 & 17 Adults – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Prayer Service for the Nation/Election
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice – Room 27

Coming Soon

Getty Concert – October 24 – 7 PM
Reformation Worship Service – Broadneck E.P. Church – October 27 – 3:30 PM

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: October 13, 2024

Text: Philippians 4:14-23

Sermon Title: "The Blessings of Giving"

Delivered By: Pastor Robert Bell

For the Believer...

1. Giving confirms our spiritual progress.
2. Giving creates a spiritual partnership.

3. Giving contributes to our spiritual progress