

The Lord's Day

November 24, 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 sword of death which could penetrate our hearts has been blunted. Its wounds nevertheless still, but without any danger; for we die, but by dying we enter into life.

John Calvin

Prelude

Thanks Be To Thee (from: Dank sei Dir, Herr)

George Frederick Handel

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

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hymn No. 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is their trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Invocation

We embrace Christ's Word

Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that you may give us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope to which you have called us, what are the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your great might that you worked in Christ when you raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And you have put all things under his feet, and you have given him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Amen.

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹ **For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ **What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?**

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

³³ **Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.**

³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

³⁵ **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?**

³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ **nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Amid the fears that oppress our day, across the clouds that obscure our way,
One golden truth sheds its shining ray—our God is sovereign still.

***His holy purpose unchanging stands, the stars still turn at their Lord's commands;
He holds the world in his mighty hands—our God is sovereign still!***

Though wars may rise, and though kingdoms fall, though ills may threaten, and fears enthrall,
Our God still lives, and he hears our call—our God is sovereign still.

Though fierce the fight ‘gainst the hosts of wrong, his Word is sure, and his arm is strong;
The day is his; raise his triumph song—our God is sovereign still.

When Christ shall come to receive his own, when his the kingdom, the pow’r, the throne,
Eternal King he shall reign alone—our God is sovereign still.

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 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (tune: Picardy) – arr. Ralph Vaugh Williams
Duet: RE Jeff Soule, Bass & Mr. Raymond Green, Trumpet

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav’nly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, That the pow’rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At his feet the six-inged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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 15:24-26 Pew Bible pg. 961

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Sermon “The Kingdom Delivered” Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s grace

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.

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

Danish

Postlude

Spiritual: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. John P. Wilson

Mr. Raymond Green, Trumpet & Dr. Kenneth Dean, Organ

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

Announcements

We welcome Mr. Raymond Green as he plays the trumpet during our worship service this morning.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: Today is the deadline to bring in boxes for this year.

This holiday week, there are several important schedule changes: the women's and men's Bible studies will not meet this Wednesday, nor will Sunday School meet next Sunday morning. All are encouraged to come and to share during our Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 PM on Wednesday.

If you would like to order poinsettias for Christmas, the sign-up book is in the narthex. The cost is \$10 per plant, and you can use a pink envelope and label it "Flowers." The deadline to sign up for the poinsettias is NEXT Sunday.

We experienced some unfortunate issues with our deposit October 27. While the deposit was being made, the ATM into which it was being made shut down. The church has been credited with the full amount of the donated funds, but if you gave a check on the 27th, it could take up to 45 days for those checks to clear through your bank. (Some checks went through with no issues – it was about half of the checks that day.) We are very sorry for any issues this may cause you, but the bank is working with us to resolve the issue as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please speak with RE Mark Werner.

Our Christmas Offering this year will be made to the PCA's Ministerial Relief Fund. This fund is used to help retired pastors and missionaries and their widows when they face financial difficulties.

Christmas Decorating: we will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas following the worship service NEXT Sunday. Please plan to stay and help if you are able.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Bonnie Sunderland. Bonnie has been in the hospital with pneumonia. We can give thanks that testing regarding her stomach issues determined that her cancer has NOT returned.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Dr. Dean as he recovers from one facial surgery this past week and prepares for a second in a week and a half.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as she will be having surgery on her back on December 10.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Thomas Oswinkle, son of Brian and Faith Oswinkle and grandson of George and Fran Oswinkle. Thomas remains in the hospital, not being able to breathe on his own.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for the Clark family as Ralph is currently under the care of home hospice. Pray as well for the family as they grieve the coming absence of one so loved.
6. Please continue to be in prayer for Joyce Donohue as she recovers/rehabs from a recent fall.
7. 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 Children – Rooms 16 & 17 Adults – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
NEXT Sunday	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service with The Lord's Supper
	12:00 PM	Christmas Decorating in the Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice – Room 27

Coming Soon

Christmas Eve Worship Service – Tuesday, December 24 – 6:30 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: November 24, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:24-26

Sermon Title: “The Kingdom Delivered”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God sovereignly reigns over history.

Main Point 1: Christ is reigning.

Point 1: **Must** reign.

Point 2: Subdues all His enemies.

Main Point 2: Christ will raise us up.

Main Point 3: Christ will bring destruction.

Point 1: Every rule and every authority and power.

Point 2: All of His enemies.

Point 3: Death.

Main Point 4: Christ will deliver the Kingdom to the Father.