

The Lord's Day

December 15, 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...

A slide in ethical conduct by a Christian amounts to a denial of the resurrection of his or her body and of accountability for what they have done.

Bruce Winter

Prelude

When Morning Gilds The Skies (Tune: Laudes Domini) - Joseph Barnby
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 31:1-2

¹ In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

Invocation

Hymn No. 195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing...

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy...

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found...

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love...

We embrace Christ's Word

Command of God

Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

Confession of our Fallen Estate

Galatians 4:8-9

⁸ Formerly, when [we] did not know God, [we] were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that [we] have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can [we] turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves [we] want to be once more?

Individual Confession of Sin

Confession of Saving Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, XIV.2

By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acts differently, upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

Hymn No. 219

All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

Canonbury

All praise to thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a manger for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine alone.

Once did the skies before thee bow; a virgin's arms contain thee now;
Angels who did in thee rejoice now listen for thine infant voice.

A little child, thou art our guest, that weary ones in thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light,
To make us, in the realms divine, like thine own angels round thee shine.

All this for us thy love hath done; by this to thee our love is won;
For this we tune our cheerful lays, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

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

All Creation Sings

J.S. Bach
The Aisquith Choir

Sun, moon, earth and stars break forth in exultation! All creation sings the glorious resurrection! Christ is risen! Death is vanquished! Heav'n and earth repeat the glad refrain. Mountains, hills and dales ring out with acclamation! Oceans, lakes and vales all join the glad ovation. Christ is risen! Death is vanquished! All creation sings for joy: Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. O what glory far exceeding all that eye had yet perceived. Holiest hearts for ages pleading, never had such joy conceived.

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 15:33-34

Pew Bible pg. 961

³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Sermon

"Shame, Shame, Shame"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, "It is finished!" was his cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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

Danish

Postlude

Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night)

Adolphe Adam

The congregation is encouraged to join the choir in singing the chorus at the end.

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices, O night divine!
O night when Christ was born! O night divine! O night divine!

Announcements

Our Thanksgiving Offering this year was given to Mission to North America's Disaster Relief Ministry. Aisquith donated \$2,535.00 for the aid of those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Thank you for your generosity!

Donations are needed to both the Music Fund (we have a wonderful program planned for Christmas), the Help Fund, and the Facilities Fund. If you are able to give to any of these funds, it would be greatly appreciated.

Giving Envelopes for 2025 are in the narthex (they are arranged alphabetically). If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to have them for the future, please let Pastor Ceselsky know.

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.

The Christmas Card box is on the table in the narthex. Please put any cards you bring in **ONLY** into the box. (Please only put cards in for people who actually attend worship at Aisquith.) Cards will be sorted the following week and placed alphabetically on the table. Please also check each week and pick up your cards.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham as she recovers from having surgery on her back this week.
2. 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.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he deals with the fluid issue with his lungs.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Joyce Donohue as she rehabs from another recent fall.
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 for all ages Children – Rooms 16 & 17 Adults – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Choir Practice – Room 27
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study Dinner – Silver Spring Mining Company
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28

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
 2:00 PM Musician & Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Coming Soon

Christmas Eve Worship Service – Tuesday, December 24 – 6:15 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: December 15, 2024

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:33-34

Sermon Title: "Shame, Shame, Shame"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Sin in the Christian's life brings shame.

Main Point 1: Avoiding the shame of sin requires conscientious awareness.

Point 1: Awareness of deception. (v. 33a)

Point 2: Awareness of corrupting influence. (v. 33b)

Main Point 2: Avoiding the shame of sin requires active faithfulness.

Point 1: With out bodies. (v. 34a)

Point 2: With our actions. (v. 34b)

Main Point 3: Avoiding the shame of sin requires a true relationship with the Lord. (v. 34c)