

The Lord's Day

January 5, 2025 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...

Zion is not said to wear, but, ... to be the crown or diadem in the Lord's hand. To be in his hand is to be kept, guarded, and upheld; to be a crown is to be that which expresses kingliness – not the exercise of royal power (the wearing of a crown) but the possession of royal worth and dignity. The Lord's people will be the sign that he is King.

J. Alec Motyer

Prelude

Mrs. Yuki Fisher

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Isaiah 61:10-11

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

Invocation

Hymn No. 522

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

St. Petersburg

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;

When all around my soul give way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

We embrace Christ's Word

Our Confession of Sin (Responsive)

Isaiah 64:5b-7

^{5b} Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

Individual Confession of Sin

Our Confession of Christ (Responsive)

Romans 8:31-34

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.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 77

Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?

Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification, yet they differ, in that God in justification imputes the righteousness of Christ; in sanctification of his Spirit infuses grace, and enables to the exercise thereof; in the former, sin is pardoned; in the other, it is subdued: the one does equally free all believers from the revenging wrath of God, and that perfectly in this life, that they never fall into condemnation the other is neither equal in all, nor in this life perfect in any, but growing up to perfection.

Our Calling in Christ (Responsive)

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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

Mrs. Yuki Fisher

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 and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 621

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Sermon

“All we Need”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 345

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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

Danish

Postlude

Mrs. Yuki Fisher

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

Announcements

We thank Mrs. Yuki Fisher for playing the piano for us today!

Donations are needed to the Help Fund and the Facilities Fund.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations following the worship service next Sunday. If you are able to help with this task, it would be greatly appreciated.

Buckey and Nancy Pearre have expressed their deep gratitude to the congregation of Aisquith for the many prayers offered by congregation members and for the financial support they have received from the Help Fund and the Deaconesses.

Our annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9. At the meeting we will review the annual reports, receive the budget for 2025, and vote on officers. The following candidates have been nominated by the congregation, examined and approved for election by the Session: for the office of Ruling Elder: Mr. Riley B. Franklin; and for the office of Deacon: Mr. Jonathan Frank. (Ms. Judi Mason has also been nominated by the congregation and approved by the Session to serve on the Board of Deaconesses.)

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for the Baker/Newman families as they mourn Don's absence, but rejoice in his presence in glory.
2. Please be in prayer for Dr. Dean as he recovers from surgery this past week which repaired a tendon in his knee. Please be in prayer for a full and speedy recovery.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Joyce Donohue as she rehabs from another recent fall.
4. 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 with The Lord's Supper
Wednesday:		NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TODAY!
	11:00 AM	Funeral Service for Don Baker
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16
		(Please prepare pages 81-86)
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	Taking down the Christmas Decorations in the Sanctuary

Coming Soon

Sunday, February 9 – Annual Congregational Meeting – 12:00 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: January 5, 2025

Text: Isaiah 62:1-5

Sermon Title: “All we Need”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Lord provides all that his people need through His Anointed.

Main Point 1: The Lord’s Anointed prays for his people. (v. 1a-b)

Main Point 2: The Lord’s Anointed blesses his people.

Point 1: A new status. (v. 1c-d)

Point 2: A visible righteousness in life. (v. 2a-b)

Point 3: A new nature. (v. 2c-d)

Main Point 3: The Lord’s Anointed will be united to His people. (vv. 4-5)

Point 1: Desolate and Forsaken.

Point 2: Delight and Married.