

The Lord's Day

January 12, 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...

It must be as easy to divine power to raise the dead, as out of the same materials to form so many different kinds of flesh and plants, and celestial bodies as well as terrestrial ones. And can he, out of the same materials, form such various beings, and yet not be able to raise the dead?

Matthew Henry

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 8:1-5

¹ O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

Invocation

Hymn No. 17

Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him

Faben

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;

Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him all ye stars and light.

Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed:

Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail:

God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee; we would bow before thy throne:
As thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.

We embrace Christ through His Word

The Special Creation of Man (Responsive)

Psalm 139:13-16

¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ **My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Our Confession of Our Sinfulness (Responsive)

Psalm 53

¹ The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity;

There is none who does good.

² **God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.**

³ They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt;

There is none who does good, not even one.

⁴ Have those who work evil no knowledge,

Who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?

⁵ There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror!

For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you;

You put them to shame, for God has rejected them.

⁶ **Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!**

When God restores the fortunes of his people,

Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

God's Dealing with Sin

Romans 6:34

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our Assurance in Christ (Unison)

2 Corinthians 5:6-9

⁶ **So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,** ⁷ **for we walk by faith, not by sight.** ⁸ **Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.** ⁹ **So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.**

¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Hymn No. 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;
The spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

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 15:35-41

Pew Bible pg. 961

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

Sermon

“Resurrected Glory”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

“Christ the Lords is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

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

Danish

Postlude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

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

Announcements

We thank Mrs. Wendy Wickham for playing the organ 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 TODAY. If you are able to help with this task, it would be greatly appreciated.

2024 tax giving statements are available in the narthex – they are arranged alphabetically.

Annual Reports are due to Pastor Ceselsky no later than Sunday, January 26. (Please email them!)

Aisquith is pleased to present a showing of the movie, Pride and Prejudice, on the big screen in Room 11. Enthusiasts of Jane Austen's classic story are invited to join us on Saturday, February 1st at 1:00 pm. * Bring Friends * * Bring a snack to share * Feel free to bring a comfy camp chair if you like. Kindly direct questions to Shannon Bell or Libby Soule. (Snow date is Sat Feb 8 at 1:00pm)

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 continue to be in prayer for the Baker/Newman families as they mourn Don's Baker's recent death.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Dr. Dean as he recovers from his knee surgery.
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:	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Rooms 16 & 17 Adults – Room 11
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service with The Lord's Supper
	12:00 PM	Taking down the Christmas Decorations in the Sanctuary
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 38-42 – Hannah & Naomi)
	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

Coming Soon

Saturday, February 1 – Screening of *Pride and Prejudice* – 1 PM
Sunday, February 9 – Congregational Breakfast and Video-Call with John & Gwen Cicone – 9 AM
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 12, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:35-41

Sermon Title: “Resurrected Glory”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The God who created us will re-create us through resurrection.

Main Point 1: Resurrection requires death. (vv. 36-38)

Point 1: Example of a seed.

Point 2: We must not fear death.

Main Point 2: Resurrection clothes us in flesh. (v. 39)

Point 1: Example of the animal kingdom.

Point 2: We must value our present, physical nature.

Main Point 3: Resurrection provides us with glory. (vv. 40-41)

Point 1: Example of the heavenly bodies.

Point 2: We will perfectly reflect God's Glory.