

The Lord's Day

January 19, 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...

Everyone longs for the imperishable. We see from the health and cosmetic industries that many people attempt to fight death with all kinds of tools because they know their bodies are extremely fragile. If there were a way to make perishable life imperishable, it's likely that it would have been found! But individuals will try anything to lengthen their lives. Christianity affirms the longing to overcome death, disease, sickness, and decay, but it doesn't do so by escaping from the body but by transforming the body itself!

Dr. Stephen Um

Prelude

Mr. Oronde' Short

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalms 102:25-58

²⁵ Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
²⁶ They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
²⁷ but you are the same, and your years have no end.
²⁸ The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.

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 through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 49

¹ Hear this, all peoples!

Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, ² both low and high, rich and poor together!

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,

⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

⁷ Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,

⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

¹⁰ For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.

¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names.

¹² Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

¹³ This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.

¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd,
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.

Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

¹⁶ Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.

¹⁷ For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.

¹⁸ For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—

¹⁹ his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light.

²⁰ Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

Our Assurance in Christ (Unison)

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If then [we] have been raised with Christ, [we must] seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² [We must] set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For [we] have died, and [our] life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is [our] life appears, then [we] also will appear with him in glory.

Our Identity & Calling in Christ

Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Hymn No. 274

Thine Be the Glory

Maccabaeus

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.

***Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, tho' thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

We acknowledge God's blessings

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

RE Mark Werner

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Mr. Oronde' Short

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 15:42-44

Pew Bible pg. 962

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in

power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Sermon

“Do you want a better body?”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 358

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Danish

Postlude

Mr. Oronde’ Short

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

Announcements

We thank Mr. Oronde’ short for playing the organ for us today!

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 Buckey Pearre as he continues to struggle with issues regarding his lungs. Pray as well for Nancy as she cares for him in this time.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Patricia Gearhart and both the Gearhart and Werner families as Patricia battles cancer.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Dr. Dean as he recovers from his knee surgery.
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
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 43-45 – Mary)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 87-93)
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 Ciccone – 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 19, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

Sermon Title: “Do you want a better body?”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Christian should long for their resurrection body.

Main Point 1: The Process of Resurrection.

Point 1: Sown.

Point 2: Raised.

Main Point 2: The Need for Resurrection.

Point 1: Perishable. (v. 42)

Point 2: Dishonor. (v. 43a)

Point 3: Weakness. (v. 43b)

Point 4: Natural Body. (v. 44)

Main Point 3: The Result of Resurrection.

Point 1: Imperishable (v. 42)

Point 2: Glory. (v. 43a)

Point 3: Power. (v. 43b)

Point 4: Spiritual Body. (v. 44)