

The Lord's Day

January 26, 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...

The Lord who was heavenly became earthly that he might make heavenly those who were earthly. From immortal he became mortal by taking the form of a servant, not by changing the nature of the Lord, that he might make immortal those who were mortal by imparting the grace of the Lord, not by retaining the offense of the servant.

Augustine of Hippo

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3

¹ I love you, O Lord, my strength.

² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

Hymn No. 4

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me.

To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalm of Confession (Responsive)

Psalm 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- ² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,** so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵ **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷ **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ **Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- ¹⁹ **then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Our Assurance of Our Salvation (Unison)

Romans 8:29-30

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.

Our Confession of God's Grace in Our Salvation Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 33-35,37-38

What is Justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

What is Sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Hymn No. 2 (HMR)

How Marvelous, How Wise, How Great

Spruce Street

How marvelous, how wise, how great,
how infinite to contemplate: Jehovah's saving plan.
He saw me in my lost estate yet purposed to regenerate
this faithless, fallen man.

Foreknown before the world began,
according to his gracious plan, God destined I must be
conformed to Jesus Christ, the man, who lived and loved as no man can;
a glorious decree.

He bore my sin on Calvary's tree
and righteousness bestowed on me that I might see his face.
God justified me, set me free, and glorified I soon will be:
how marvelous this grace.

What have I now but to embrace
the God who saved me from disgrace and love him evermore;
and with contentment run my race my eyes fixed ever on his face
to praise him and adore.

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. 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 15:45-49

Pew Bible pg. 962

⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Sermon

"A Second Head Transplant?"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Lyons

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels adore,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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!

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

Annual Reports are due to Pastor Ceselsky no later than TODAY! (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 NEXT 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 be in prayer for Betty Jo Norris as she recovers from being hospitalized with the flu.
2. Please be in prayer for Carole McQuay as she recovers from having a MOSE procedure on her scalp this past week. The procedure went well but it will be 3 weeks until she can have a follow-up with her doctor.
3. 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.
4. Please be in prayer for both the Gearhart and Werner families and as Patricia Gearhart has entered the presence of her Lord and Savior.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Dr. Dean as he recovers from his knee surgery.
6. 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 45-48 – Lois & Eunice)

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16
(Please prepare pages 94-99)

Saturday: 1:00 PM Screening of *Pride and Prejudice* – Room 11

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 with The Lord's Supper

Coming Soon

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 26, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Sermon Title: "A Second Head Transplant"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The Christian must long for the fullness of their salvation.

Main Point 1: Our Salvation is tied to our covenant head.

Point 1: The First Adam.

1.

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3.

Point 2: The Last Adam.

- 1.

- 2.

Main Point 2: Our Salvation is both “already” and “not yet.”

Point 1: Already.

- 1.

- 2.

- 3.

Point 2: Not Yet.

- 1.

- 2.