

The Lord's Day

February 9, 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...

When the power of God is set against the power of sin, there is no contest. Christ is the victor. Paul Gardner

Prelude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller

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

Psalm 119:161-168

¹⁶¹ Princes persecute me without cause,
but my heart stands in awe of your words.
¹⁶² I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.
¹⁶³ I hate and abhor falsehood,
but I love your law.
¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I praise you
for your righteous rules.
¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.
¹⁶⁶ I hope for your salvation, O Lord,
and I do your commandments.
¹⁶⁷ My soul keeps your testimonies;
I love them exceedingly.
¹⁶⁸ I keep your precepts and testimonies,
for all my ways are before you.

Invocation

Hymn No. 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

All Saints Old

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us, pitied us when enemies,

Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy Lamb of God!"

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confessions of Sin *Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 14*

What is sin?

Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 95

Of what use is the moral law to all men?

The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives; to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of his obedience.

Exodus 20:1-17

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea,

and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Our Assurance through Christ

Romans 8:1-5

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Hymn No. 500

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

New City Fellowship

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

The Gloria Patri (Hymnal, pg. 734) and Prayer of Dedication

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

We are nourished by God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:56-58

Pew Bible pg. 962

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Sermon

"From Taunting to Praising"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)

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 respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 98

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Dunket

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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

Danish

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

Announcements

We are so thankful that Dr. Dean is able to rejoin us in leading the music for the worship service this morning!

Annual Reports are available in the narthex – please only take 1 per family.

Our annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for TODAY! 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 at home from a hospital stay for the flu.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Candy Short and her family as Candy's sister's, Laura's, funeral was this past week.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Stuart Jones and his family as he awaits a very risky procedure to be performed in mid-March.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham. Please pray that the Lord would provide wisdom to those caring for Mary Lou on how best to proceed with her present issues.
5. 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.
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	Congregational Breakfast
	9:30 AM	Video Call with John & Gwen Cicone
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting – Room 38
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16
		(Please prepare pages 52-57 – The Proverbs 31 Woman & Rhoda)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16
		(Please prepare pages 107-113)

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

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: February 9, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:56-58

Sermon Title: "From Taunting to Praising"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: The certainty of the Resurrection calls us to live Gospel-centered lives.

Main Point 1: The Law reveals our sin. (v. 56)

Point 1: The Law reveals God's righteous requirements.

Point 2: The Law reveals our failure.

Point 3: The Law reveals the consequences for our sin.

Main Point 2: The Lord has overcome our sin. (v. 57)

Point 1: Victory in Jesus.

Point 2: Us.

Main Point 3: Our lives must reflect that our Lord has overcome our sin. (v. 58)

Point 1: Steadfast.

Point 2: Immovable.

Point 3: Abounding in the work of the Lord.

Point 4: Knowing that our labor is not in vain.