

The Lord's Day

February 16, 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...

Handling money and other donated goods wisely, with utter integrity and accountability, is as important to the success of the gospel as any preaching or witness may be. Lack of financial accountability plagues the church in the Western world as well in Third World countries.

Alan Johnson

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

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 50:10-11,23

¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

²³ The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
to one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salvation of God!"

Invocation

Hymn No. 110

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Praise Jehovah

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, from the heavens praise his name;
Praise Jehovah in the highest, all his angels, praise proclaim,
All his hosts, together praise him, sun and moon and stars on high;
Praise him, O you heav'ns of heavens, and you floods above the sky.

***Let them praises give Jehovah, for his name alone is high,
And his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted far above the earth and sky.***

Let them praises give Jehovah, they were made at his command;
Them forever he established, his decree shall ever stand.

From the earth, O praise Jehovah, all you seas, you monsters all,
Fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear his call.

All you fruitful trees and cedars, all you hills and mountains high,
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
Kings of earth, and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all;
Praise his name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small.

We embrace Christ through His Word

The Directory for Public Worship

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The Holy Scriptures teach that God is the owner of all persons and all things and that we are but stewards of both life and possessions; that God's ownership and our stewardship should be acknowledged; that this acknowledgement should take the form, in part, of giving at least a tithe of our income and other offerings to the work of the Lord through the Church of Jesus Christ, thus worshipping the Lord with our possessions; and that the remainder should be used as becomes Christians.

Our Confession of Sin (**Unison**)

Malachi 3:6-9

⁶ “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ ⁸ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.

God's Command & Blessing

Malachi 3:10-12

Read by: DE Ken Schumann

¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

Hymn No. 432

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Schumann

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be:
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

O hearts are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled are straying from the fold.

And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be,
What'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

The Ordination and Installation of Mr. Riley B. Franklin to the office of Ruling Elder.

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of Ruling Elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

The Ordination and Installation of Mr. Jonathan Frank to the office of Deacon.

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of Deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

The Appointment of Ms. Judi Mason to the office of Deaconess

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the PCA?
3. Do you accept the office of Deaconess in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church?
4. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the church?

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

Medley: His Eye Is On The Sparrow/It Is Well

arr. K. Dean

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 16:1-4

Pew Bible pg. 962

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

Sermon

“Honoring Christ through Giving”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 434

Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver

Beecher

Lord, thou lov'st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to thee.

We are thine, thy mercy sought us, found us in death's dreadful way,
To the fold in safety brought us, nevermore from thee to stray.
Thine own life thou freely gavest as an offering on the cross
For each sinner whom thou savest from eternal shame and loss.

Blest by thee with gifts and graces, may we heed thy church's call;
Gladly in all times and places give to thee who givest all.
Thou hast bought us, and no longer can we claim to be our own;
Ever free and ever stronger, we shall serve thee, Lord, alone.

Savior, thou hast freely given all the blessings we enjoy,
Earthly store and bread of heaven, love and peace without alloy;
Humbly now we bow before thee, and our all to thee resign;
For the kingdom, pow'r, and glory, are, O Lord, forever thine.

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

Danish

Postlude

Prelude in E Minor

Chopin

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

Announcements

Pastor Ceselsky will be away for the next week. Please contact one of the elders if you need any assistance.

Adult Sunday School: Next Sunday, RE Mark Werner will begin a new class on the topic of "What is Reformed Theology?" using materials from Dr. R.C. Sproul. Too often we have only a vague idea of what we believe and why we believe what we do. This series will help clarify why we claim the term Reformed Theology as our understanding of our relationship to our God.

The Facilities Fund is in need of some donations. If you are able to give a special gift to this fund, it would be greatly appreciated.

Tulips for Easter: The book is in the narthex to sign up for tulips for the Easter service. The cost of each plant is \$10 (please use one of the pink envelopes in the book or pew racks) and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 30.

Prayer Requests

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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
	12:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16
Wednesday:		(Please prepare pages 52-57 – The Proverbs 31 Woman & Rhoda)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16
NEXT Sunday		(Please prepare pages 107-113)
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Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Riley B. Franklin, Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Jonathan, Frank, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

Deaconesses: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Judi Mason, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams
(Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: February 16, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Sermon Title: “Honoring Christ through Giving”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Christian giving is an essential response to our reception of grace.

Main Point 1: The command to give.

Point 1: To all the churches. (v. 1)

Point 2: On The Lord’s Day. (v. 2a)

Main Point 2: The plan for giving.

Point 1: Consistently. (v. 2b)

Point 2: Proportionally. (v. 2c)

Point 3: Deliberately. (v. 2d)

Main Point 3: The purpose of giving.

Point 1: The needs of the church. (vv. 1-2)

Point 2: The glory of God.

Main Point 4: The accountability for what is given. (vv. 3-4)