

The Lord's Day

March 2, 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...

If the Lord permit – “With this reservation, saints ought to follow up all their plans and deliberations; for it an instance of great rashness to undertake and determine many things for the future, while we have not even a moment in our power. The main thing indeed is, that, in the inward affection of the mind, we submit to God and his providence, whatever we resolve upon.”

John Calvin

Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (St. Christopher) Frederick C. Maker
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

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Invocation

Hymn No. 156

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

St. Theodulph

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace,
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, you sad hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom.
Despair not, he is near you, yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;

Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace.
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heaven.

We embrace Christ through His Word

God's Calling to Discern His Will

Romans 12:1,2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Our Confession of Sin (**Unison**)

James 4:13-17

¹³ [We] say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—¹⁴ yet [we] do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is [our] life? For [we] are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead [we] ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, [we] boast in [our] arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Individual Confession of Sin

God's Will for Our Salvation (Responsive)

Isaiah 53

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,

**and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and
was numbered with the transgressors;**

yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Hymn

The Power of the Cross

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O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

O to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning Your blood stained brow.

Refrain

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life –
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry.

Refrain

O, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God – slain for us
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
The Aisquith Choir

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born; On the cross thy sacred body, For us men, with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken, Now and in death's agony, Now, now, now, now and in death's agony.

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 and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 16:5-9

Pew Bible pg. 962

⁵ I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, ⁶ and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. ⁷ For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸ But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹ for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

Sermon

"Travel Plans"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn

Bought By The Blood

Highland Cathedral
Words by Dr. Bryan Chapell

Bought by the blood of heaven's perfect Lamb,
Freed from the bonds of earth by pierced hand,
He all my worthiness and I his sin,
Nailed to a cross by pow'r of God's love.

*Though his call take me far away,
Tho' it cost my name, comfort and gain,
I will serve him all my days,
My life now his, my Lord.*

Bold I approach my King's eternal throne,
Robed in a righteousness that's not my own.
Filled with his Spirit for a holy cause,
Bearing his cross by pow'r of God's love.

Lord, now grant me for the Gospel strife,
Grace for the morning and the fearful night,
Strengthen my zeal for my dear Savior's reign
Raising his cross by pow'r of God's love.

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

Danish

Postlude

We Shall Behold Him

Dottie Rambo

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

Announcements

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday. Please set your clocks AHEAD one hour prior to going to sleep on Saturday night (You don't want to be late for Sunday School and Worship).

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.

Staf and Judy Greenwell have a new address and phone number. Staf & Judy Greenwell, Cypress Creek Assisted Living, 831 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146. Their phone number is 410-409-2160.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Diane Eisenmeier's 101-year-old mother. She has been moved into hospice care at this point. Pray as well for Diane and her family as they grieve in this time.
2. Please be in prayer for Betty Jo Norris as she continues to battle various health issues. Pray as well for Norm as he cares for her.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Stuart Jones and his family as he awaits a very risky procedure to be performed in the middle of this month.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Dina Sunderland as she completes additional testing for treatment for her non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Pray for wisdom for those caring for Dina and that the Lord would be pleased to use her witness to Christ during this time.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he continues to struggle. He will be having an important blood test in just over a week. He also has a neurology appointment scheduled for April 29 – Buckey and Nancy are asking that we pray that an opening would become available earlier than that. Please pray as well for Nancy as she cares for Buckey.
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 with The Lord's Supper
	12:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 63-66 – Miriam)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 121-126)
NEXT Sunday	12:00 AM	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS!
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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: March 2, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 16:5-9

Sermon Title: "Travel Plans"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: While the Christian plans his way, the Lord sovereignly establishes his steps.

Main Point 1: Paul's plan to visit Corinth.

Point 1: After visiting the churches in Macedonia. (v. 5)

Point 2: Paul's desire for meaningful time. (vv. 6-7b)

Point 3: Paul's Submission to God's providence. (v. 7c)

Main Point 2: Paul's ministry in Ephesus.

Point 1: Until Pentecost. (v. 8)

Point 2: The Lord's blessing. (v. 9a)

Point 3: The enemy's antagonism. (v. 9b)