

The Lord's Day

March 23, 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...

Every Christian family should in some respects be a Christian church.

Matthew Henry

Prelude

Consolation

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 30, No. 3

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

James 4:6-8,10

⁶ God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ... ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Invocation

Hymn No. 693

Blessed Assurance

Assurance

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in his blood.

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long!**

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 103 & 104

Which is the first commandment?

The first commandment is, *Thou shall have no other gods before me.*

What are the duties required in the first commandment?

The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in any thing he is offended; and walking humbly with him.

The Judgment of God

Psalms 81:11-13

- ¹¹ “My people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.
¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.
¹³ Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

Our Confession of Sin

Romans 8:5-8

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. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Individual Confession of Sin

The Assurance of God's Grace

Romans 8:9-11

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Hymn

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.

Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst
The Aisquith Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end; we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. Alleluia. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still; to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. Alleluia.

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 16:15-20

Pew Bible pg. 962

¹⁵ Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints—¹⁶ be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. ¹⁷ I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, ¹⁸ for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

¹⁹ The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. ²⁰ All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Sermon

"I Submit"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 355

We Are God's People

Symphony

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God out-poured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n;
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone for on its own each member loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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

Danish

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Tune: Lobe Den Herren)

arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

We will be holding a potluck congregational lunch and fellowship time with John & Gwen Cicone on Sunday, April 13. The church will be providing the main course (hamburgers, hot dogs, and BBQ chicken) and drinks. Each family is asked to bring either a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

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 NEXT Sunday

Our Easter Offering the Year will again go to Mission to North America's Disaster Relief Ministry as they continue to try and help those in the Southeastern part of the United States as they recover from Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Stuart Jones and his family as Stuart recovers from major surgery this past week.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Dina Sunderland as she has begun chemotherapy treatments 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.

3. Please continue to be in prayer for Buckey Pearre as he continues to struggle. Buckey 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.
4. Please be in prayer for the Biondo family (Tony & Sharon were members of Aisquith before moving to Virginia; and Tony's mother, Mary is still a shut-in member of Aisquith). Tony & Sharon's son, Matthew died recently in sudden fashion and Mary had a fall in February where she broke some bones in her elbow and hip. She is recovering from surgery to repair her elbow, and the hip is healing naturally. Please keep her in prayer as she rehabs these injuries.
5. 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
Tuesday	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 69-71 – Esther)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15 & 16 (Please prepare pages 127-132)
NEXT Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Children – Rooms 16 & 17 Adults – Room 11
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	12:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Rooms 26 & 27

Coming Soon

Cookout & Fellowship Luncheon with the Cicones – April 13 – 12:00 PM
Maundy Thursday Worship Service – April 17 – 7:00 PM at Aisquith
Good Friday Worship Service – April 18 – 7:00 PM at Loch Raven

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 23, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 16:15-20

Sermon Title: "I Submit"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Our submission to the Lord is to be demonstrated through our submission to His image-bearers.

Main Point 1: Our calling to submit to those who serve.

Point 1: The example of Stephanas. (vv. 15,17)

Point 2: The command to recognize such men through submission. (vv. 16,18)

Main Point 2: Our calling to submit ourselves to serve.

Point 1: The example of Priscilla and Aquila. (v. 19)

Point 2: The command to give our all to the Lord.

Main Point 3: Our calling to submit to the needs of others.

Point 1: Equals in the Lord. (vv. 15a,20a)

Point 2: Fill up their need. (vv. 16,18)