

The Lord's Day

June 22, 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 winners in the end will not be the strong, the powerful, the wealthy, the famous, the popular, the successful. He who has most toys in the end will not win. The Lord will bring through those who belong to him, 'his faithful ones.'
John Woodhouse

Prelude

Largo

Henn Eccles

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 (Responsive)

Psalms 2

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

² **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,**

³ "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

⁴ **He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ **"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."**

⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ **You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Invocation

Hymn No. 310

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 96

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

² **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴ **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹ **Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

¹² Let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³ before the Lord,

For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Our Confession of Faith

The Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 45

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

Our King's Assurance

John 10:27-30

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
 Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
 He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
 To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
 To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
 To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
 Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
 And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
 Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
 And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
 From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;
 The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
 His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.

We acknowledge God's blessings

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

RE Jeff Soule

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Thanks Be To Thee

George Frederick Handel

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 Samuel 2:9-11

Pew Bible pg. 226

⁹ "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
 but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,
 for not by might shall a man prevail.

¹⁰ The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;
 against them he will thunder in heaven.
 The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
 he will give strength to his king

and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

¹¹ Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli the priest.

Sermon “Hannah’s Prayer – Part 3: Yahweh’s Prevailing” Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn No. 92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Ein Feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them abideth;
The spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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

Postlude *Trust and Obey* Daniel Towner

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

Announcements

Pastor Ceselsky will be away this week at the PCA’s General Assembly. Please contact one of the elders with any concerns.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Today (June 22) is Dave Newman’s birthday; Thursday (June 26) is both John & Christine Clark’s anniversary and Mary Ann Kauffman’s birthday; and next Sunday (June 29) is Lorna Lee’s birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to keep the Sunderland family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Bonnie.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Debbie DeFord as she recovers from shoulder surgery this past week. Please pray for a quick and full recovery.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for John Schaller as he continues in rehab following his surgery. Pray that his rehab will go well and that he will be able to return to his normal life as much as possible.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Drew Calhoun, Mark Fisher's step father, who has been diagnosed with Metastatic cancer. Please pray for comfort and for wisdom for those who will be caring for him.
5. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: The General Assembly of the PCA – please pray for safety for the many pastors, ruling elders, missionaries, and others who will travel to Chattanooga, TN this week to take part in our denomination's General Assembly. Pray too that the Lord is glorified through the actions of the Assembly.
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:	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
Saturday	11:00 AM	Funeral Service for Bonnie Sunderland
NEXT Sunday	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service

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: June 22, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 2:9-11

Sermon Title: "Hannah's Prayer – Part 3: Yahweh's Prevailing"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God's people will prevail over the world only as we abide in Christ.

Main Point 1: God's people prevail because God Himself guards them. (v. 9)

Point 1: God guards His people by cutting off the wicked.

Point 2: God guards His people by His own strength.

Main Point 2: God's people prevail because of God's Anointed. (v. 10)

Point 1: God's Anointed shall destroy all His enemies.

Point 2: God's Anointed shall Judge the peoples.

Point 3: God's Anointed shall reign as King.

Main Point 3: God's prevailing is demonstrated in His young minister. (v. 11)