

The Lord's Day

August 10, 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...

We may expect that God will speak to us, when we set ourselves to hearken to what he says. When we come to the word of God, and to attend on the preaching of it, we should come thus disposed, submitting ourselves to the commanding light and power of it: Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.

Matthew Henry

Prelude

I Surrender All

(Tune: Surrender) Winfred Weeden

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

Psalms 119:105-105,108,111-112

- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.
¹⁰⁸ Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your rules.
¹¹¹ Your testimonies are my heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my heart.
¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.

Invocation

Hymn No. 94

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you. O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 3

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

² **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**

³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

⁴ **Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

In them he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The Inspiration of God's Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

We Place Our Trust in God's Word (Responsive)

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ **For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory,**

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”

¹⁸ **we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.**

¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

²⁰ **knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.**

²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man,
but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Hymn No. 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

St. Leonards

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

We acknowledge God's blessings

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

RE Riley B. Franklin

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

(Tune: Slane) 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 Samuel 3:1-4:1a

Pew Bible pg. 227

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶ And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

²¹ And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

^{4:1a} And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Sermon

"Thus Saith the LORD"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

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.

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

Danish

Postlude

What A Friend

(Tune: Converse) K. Dean

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

Announcements

An informational Meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for Sunday, August 17 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the congregation of needed, and long-overdue repairs to the roof. This is a very important meeting and all members and regular attendees are encouraged to come.

A New Members Class will begin shortly. Please contact Pastor Ceselsky if you are interested in taking this class.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: next Sunday (August 10) is Carole McQuay's birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Betty Jo Norris as she recovers from her recent broken wrist.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Drew Calhoun, Mark Fisher's stepfather, who has been diagnosed with Metastatic cancer. Please pray for comfort and for wisdom for those who will be caring for him.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Steve & Amy Robertson – After 26 years of serving with Mission to the World, most recently as the area coordinator for South America, Steve has accepted a position working with Geneva Benefits (the insurance and annuity provider for the PCA). Steve worked in this field prior to be called to serve as a missionary in Mexico. Please pray for Steve and Amy's transition as they move from Columbia to Atlanta and as he transitions into this new calling.

4. 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
NEXT Sunday	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Congregational Meeting

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: August 10, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a

Sermon Title: "Thus Saith the LORD"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: God's Word is essential for the Christian life.

Main Point 1: A people unfamiliar with God's Word. (vv. 1-7)

Main Point 2: A people graciously given God's Word.

Point 1: The inspiration of the Scriptures. (vv. 4-14)

Point 2: The calling of the preacher. (vv. 15-17)

Point 3: The responsibility of God's people. (vv. 18-4:1a)