

The Lord's Day

September 28, 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...

Most people are sorry only that they got caught sinning or for the misery they have experienced as a result. But true repentance begins by being sorry over the sin itself and then goes on to forsake sin so completely as to turn to God in new obedience.

Richard Phillips

Prelude

Brethren We Have Met To Worship

Holy Manna

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

Isaiah 55:6-7

⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Invocation

Hymn No. 197

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Thirsting

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;

Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question, 76

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 32

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

² **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Hymn of Mercy – No. 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

Redhead

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let me contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound-less grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

Our Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5,6,8,10

Read by: Mr. Jack Wickham

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ... ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ... ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Individual Confession of Sin

Our Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:7,9

⁷ If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ... ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn No. 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Moody

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

***Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all my sin.***

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Reception of a New Member

Mr. Lee Cade

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place

Gordon Young
The Aisquith Choir

Let heav'nly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heav'n be heard; Let one grand song of praise of praise resound, one alleluia! Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard; Let anthem grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia! O may we join the heav'nly choir that through the ages will sing on; In praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia! One 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 Samuel 7:3-4

Pew Bible pg. 230

³ And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." ⁴ So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the Lord only.

Sermon

"Genuine Repentance"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
 Jesus ready stand to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r;
 He is able, he is able, he is able,
 He is willing; doubt no more; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
 True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,
 Without money, without money, without money,
 Come to Jesus Christ and buy; come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
 If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all;
 Not the righteous, not the righteous, not the righteous –
 Sinners Jesus came to call; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
 All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
 This he gives you, this he gives you, this he gives you;
 'tis the Spirit's rising beam; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! Th' incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;
 Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude;
 None but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus
 Can do helpless sinners good, can do helpless sinners good.

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

Danish

Postlude

My Tribute (To God Be The Glory)

Andre' Crouch

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

Announcements

Today we welcome Mr. Lee Cade into membership at Aisquith!

Visitation with the Clark Family and a Celebration of Life for Mrs. Barbara Clark, John Clark's mother who passed away earlier this week, has been scheduled for tomorrow from 4-6 PM with the service to follow. The visitation and service will be held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex (300 Mace Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221).

Movie & Fellowship Afternoon: Aisquith will be hosting a second movie and fellowship opportunity on Saturday, October 25 at 1 PM. Join us in front of our own big screen (Rm 11) to view *Sergeant York* (1941) starring Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, and Joan Leslie. This Oscar winning hit chronicles the transformation of Alvin C York from a young, coarse TN farmer to devout Christian and World War I hero. Invite family and friends to join in this fellowship opportunity. The more the merrier! We ask that you bring a snack to share. Kindly direct questions to Jeff or Libby Soule.

Donations for the Roof repair can be made through the ARC Fund. Please use a pink envelope and label it “ARC” or “Roof.”

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Friday (October 3) is Ron Brown’s Birthday and next Sunday (October 5) is Jeanne Williams’ Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for John Clark and his family, as they now mourn the loss of John’s mother this past week.
2. Please be in prayer for Evelyn King's brother, Mike. His wife had been receiving chemotherapy treatments for cancer, but she passed away on Monday. This is now a second wife that has passed from cancer. Please pray for the Lord's comfort and mercies for Mike in this time of mourning.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Rick Willis’ brother as he recovers from his stroke. We can give praise that Robert has now been moved out of the ICU and has been more lucid, he has even able to talk a bit.
4. Please continue to be in prayer for Drew Calhoun, Mark Fisher’s stepfather, who has been diagnosed with, and is receiving treatment for Metastatic cancer. Please pray for comfort and for wisdom for those who will be caring for him.
5. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Chesapeake Presbytery – Please pray for our local presbytery as we seek to honor the Lord through the sending of missionaries, training men for ministry, planting churches throughout the Baltimore region, and strengthen the worship of God’s people throughout the region.
6. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Joyce Donohue, Evelyn King, Libby Soule & Ken Wilson.
7. 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
Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 2 on Daniel 2:1-23 (Pages 23-30))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 10-13 of the Chronological Guide to the Bible)
NEXT Sunday	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 Practice – Rooms 26-27

Coming Soon

Movie & Fellowship Afternoon – Saturday, October 25 – 1 PM
Reformation Worship Service – Broadneck EP Church – Sunday, October 26 – 3:30 PM

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: September 28, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 7:3-4

Sermon Title: “Genuine Repentance”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Repentance is a necessary, ongoing action in the life of the believer.

Main Point 1: Forsaking Godliness.

Point 1: Keeping holiness hidden away.

Point 2: Keeping in step with the world.

Main Point 2: Godly Repentance.

Point 1: Godly repentance requires whole-hearted hatred for sin.

Point 2: Godly repentance requires whole-hearted turning from sin to the Lord.

Point 3: Godly repentance requires whole-hearted faithfulness.

Point 4: Godly repentance brings forgiveness and blessing.