

The Lord's Day

November 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...

One of the first lessons which we have to learn Is a wholesome disregard of other people's ways.

Alexander Maclaren

Prelude

Grace That Is Greater

Daniel Towner

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)

Psalm 24:7-10

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

⁸ Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!**

Invocation

Hymn No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for e'er we adore him.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Romans 13:1-7 (Responsive)

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.

For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.

Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority?

Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good.

But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain.

For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Westminster Confession of Faith XXIII.4

It is the duty of the people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute and other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience's sake. Infidelity, or difference in religion, does not make void the magistrate's just and legal authority, nor free the people from their obedience to him: from which ecclesiastical persons are not exempted.

Psalter Reading (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.

The Judgement of God

John 3:19-21

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

The Calling of God

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.

Hymn No. 311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Aurelia

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

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

People Need The Lord

Phill McHugh & Greg Nelson
The Aisquith Choir

Ev'ry day they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes. Empty people filled with care, headed who knows where. On they go through private pain, living fear. Laughter hides the silent cries only Jesus hears. People need the Lord, people need the Lord. At the end of broken dreams He's the open door. People need the Lord, people need the Lord. When will we realize people need the Lord. We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right. What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost? Through His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear. They must hear the words of life only we can share. People need the Lord, people need the Lord. At the end of broken dreams He's the open door. People need the Lord, people need the Lord. When will we realize that we must give our lives, for people need the Lord. People need the Lord.

The Gloria Patri (Hymnal, pg. 734) and Prayer of Dedication

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

We are nourished by God's Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8:10-22

Pew Bible pg. 230

¹⁰ So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹ He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹² And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

¹⁹ But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. ²² And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

Sermon

"That's My King!"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

Hymn No. 420

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

St. George's Windsor

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's Grace

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)

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.

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

Postlude

Hyfrydol

Roland Pritchard, arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

Pastor Ceselsky will be on medical leave beginning this Wednesday – please contact one of the elders with any needs.

Our Thanksgiving Offering this year will go to Mission Possible, a faith-based homeless shelter in Baltimore City. RE Riley Franklin has been actively serving in this ministry for several years.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are available in the narthex. If you would like to fill a box (or boxes) this year, please return them to the church no later than Sunday, November 23.

Donations for the Roof repair can be made through the ARC Fund. Please use a pink envelope and label it "ARC" or "Roof." As of the end of October, we have paid out \$74,240.00 and received \$9,460.00

in donations. The estimated cost of the repair is \$107,185.00 (though we expect the final price to be higher given the number of slates that have needed to be replaced).

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Pastor Ceselsky as he has nerve surgery on his right leg/foot this Wednesday. The surgeon will be working on 3 different areas in an attempt to regain normal feeling in John's numb right foot.
2. Please be in prayer for Jacqueline Cade (Lee's wife) as she recovers from her shoulder surgery this past Thursday. Please pray she will recover quickly and completely.
3. Please continue to be in prayer for Dr. Dean as he recovers from a flare up of his gout on his right hand.
4. Please be in prayer for Liam Bell as he has injured his foot. He will be having an MRI this week to determine if there is a fracture or if it is a tendon injury (which would be better for healing). Please pray that the MRI will reveal the issue and that Liam can be treated properly and heal quickly.
5. Give praise that Maisie Manning's family in Jamaica survived Hurricane Melissa. But please pray for them, and for Jamaica as a whole, as they begin the long road of recovery.
6. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Stephen Rarig – MTW Australia – Last year, Stephen developed a rare and aggressive form of cancer. He received radiation treatments which helped with the cancer but experienced severe side-effects affecting his kidneys, bladder, and ureters. He was hospitalized for quite a bit of time but is now home and doing better. With all of his health concerns moving forward, Stephen has made the difficult decision to retire from active ministry at the end of this year. Please pray for Stephen's health and for him to raise needed funds for his retirement.
7. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Yoshio Amano (Yuki Fisher's father), Drew Calhoun (Mark Fisher's father), Joyce Donohue, Evelyn King, Libby Soule, Robert Willis (Rick's brother) & Ken Wilson.
8. 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 Practice – Rooms 26-27
Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 4 on Daniel 3:1-30 (Pages 39-46))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 36-41 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
12:00 PM Choir Practice – Rooms 26-27

Coming Soon

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service – Wednesday, November 26 – 7 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: November 2, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 8:10-22

Sermon Title: "That's My King!"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Sinners prefer to live in their sin.

Main Point 1: The sinful nature of human government.

Point 1: Divine institution. (Romans 13:1)

Point 2: Government takes. (vv. 11-18)

Point 3: The people serve. (vv. 11-18)

Point 4: Produce slaves. (v. 17b)

Main Point 2: The sinful stubbornness of fallen man.

Point 1: We will have our king. (v. 19)

Point 2: We will be like everyone else. (v. 20a)

Point 3: This is the only way we can be happy. (v. 20b)

Main Point 3: The righteous judgment of God.

Point 1: I will give them over to their sin. (v. 22a)

Point 2: I will not answer. (v. 18)