

The Lord's Day

November 9, 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...

Neither I nor any other preacher can see into your hearts but God is looking, for nothing can be hidden from him. Do not deceive yourselves by coming eagerly to hear the Word and then failing to do it. If it is a good thing to hear, it is a much better thing to do. If you do not hear, you cannot do, and therefore you will build nothing. But if you hear and do not do, then what you are building will be a ruin.

Augustine of Hippo

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

RE Mark Werner

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:7-10,14

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.
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.

Invocation

Faith of our fathers! Living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear God's glorious Word:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee:

Faith of our fathers! God's great pow'r shall draw all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God his people shall indeed be free:

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how by witness true and virtuous life:

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith I.4

The authority of the holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, depends not upon the testimony of any man or church, but wholly upon God (who is truth itself), the Author thereof; and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 119:89-112

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you.

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.

Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts.

The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes.

To all perfection I see a limit; but your commands are boundless.

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

I have suffered much; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.

The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.

Your statutes are my heritage forever, they are the joy of my heart.

My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

The Calling of God

Joshua 1:8-9

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Christ the Incarnate Word of God

John 1:14,16-17

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Hymn No. 672

Trust and Obey

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When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

***Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But his smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

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

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 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

James 1:19-27

Pew Bible pg. 1011

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Sermon

"Rightly Applying the Word of Truth"

RE Riley B. Franklin

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

We respond to God's Grace

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.

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

Danish

Postlude

Hyfrydol

Roland Pritchard, arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

We welcome RE Riley B. Franklin as he opens the Word of God for us this morning.

Pastor Ceselsky will be on medical leave through 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. You can use your Thanksgiving envelope or one of the pink pew envelopes labeled for “Thanksgiving Offering.”

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.

Poinsettias for Christmas may be ordered by signing up in the book in the narthex. The cost is \$10 for each plant and the funds should be placed in a pink envelope and labeled “flowers” and placed in the offering. The deadline to sign up for the poinsettias is Sunday, December 7.

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: Thursday (November 13) is Steve King's Birthday, and Friday (November 14) is Christine Clark's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Pastor Ceselsky as he recovers from nerve surgery on his right leg/foot this past Wednesday.

2. Please continue to be in prayer for Liam Bell as he has injured his foot as he and his family seek clarity to the extent and treatment for his injured foot.
3. 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.
4. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Eric & Anna Graham – MTW Columbia – Please pray for this beautiful family of 6 as they settle back into life in Columbia. Please pray especially for the health of the family as Eric recovers from back and shoulder pain; Anna continues to improve with respect to her diagnosis of Graves disease and is able to wean herself off of some of the medication; and two of their children (Vittoria and Charlie) continue to receive medical care for Lyme disease and eye issues.
5. 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.
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:	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
Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 5 on Daniel 4:1-37 (Pages 47-54))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 42-47 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 9, 2025

Text: James 1:19-27

Sermon Title: "Rightly Applying the Word of Truth"

Delivered By: RE Riley B. Franklin

Proposition: Applying the word of Christ is a hallmark of someone who is truly a Christian.

Main Point 1: Be a Receptive Hearer. (vv. 19-21)

Main Point 2: Be not a Deceptive Hearer. (vv. 22-24)

Main Point 3: Be an Effective Hearer. (vv. 25-27)