

The Lord's Day

November 23, 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...

If you are a child of God, you rejoice to see that your God is 'mule-ish' on mercy, that your sin does not dry up the fountain of his compassions, that his pity refuses to let go of his people.

Dale Ralph Davis

Prelude

Jesus, Savior, Pilot

John Gould

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

Invocation

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-23 (RSV)

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness.

Hymn No. 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of God's Providence

1 Corinthians 2:11 (Responsive)

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him?
So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Proverbs 20:24 (Responsive)

A man's steps are from the Lord;
how then can man understand his way?

Belgic Confession (1561) – Article 13

We believe that the same God, after He had created all things, did not forsake them, or give them up to fortune or chance, but that He rules and governs them according to His holy will, so that nothing happens in this world without His appointment; nevertheless, God neither is the author of, nor can be charged with, the sins which are committed. For His power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible, that He orders and executes His work in the most excellent and just manner, even then when devils and wicked men act unjustly. And as to what He does surpassing human understanding, we will not curiously inquire into it further than our capacity will admit of; but with the greatest humility and reverence adore the righteous judgments of God which are hid from us, contenting ourselves that we are disciples of Christ, to learn only those things which He has revealed to us in His Word without transgressing these limits.

This doctrine affords us unspeakable consolation, since we are taught thereby that nothing can befall us by chance, but by the direction of our most gracious and heavenly Father, who watches over us with a paternal care, keeping all creatures so under His power that not a hair of our head (for they are all numbered), nor a sparrow, can fall to the ground, without the will of our Father. In whom we do entirely trust; being persuaded that He so restrains the devil and all our enemies that, without His will and permission, they cannot hurt us.

The Promise of God's Providence

Romans 8:26-28

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Hymn No. 55

To God Be the Glory

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To God be the glory, great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that we may go in.

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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

The Heavens Resound

Beethoven
The Aisquith Choir

The heav'ns resound with the Lord's pow'r and glory, Through all the earth His praise abounds.
The seas reecho His marvelous glorious; Let all, repeat, His praises sound! The stary vastness He
orders and numbers, He cares for all upon the earth, The myriad stars bow in praise and
submission, The stary hosts, His hands unfurled, the stary hosts, His hands unfurled. The Lord
our God is the king of creation, In His right hand He holds all things. His people worship in
praise and devotion, Before His might and power come. He is our maker whose love shall not
waver, Our God of wisdom, ever kind; The heavens resound with the earth into glory, To serve
the Lord and sing His praise, To serve the Lord and sing His praise.

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 9:11-21

Pew Bible pg. 231

¹¹ As they went up the hill to the city, they met young women coming out to draw water and said to them, “Is the seer here?” ¹² They answered, “He is; behold, he is just ahead of you. Hurry. He has come just now to the city, because the people have a sacrifice today on the high place. ¹³ As soon as you enter the city you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat till he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now go up, for you will meet him immediately.” ¹⁴ So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the high place. ¹⁵ Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed to Samuel: ¹⁶ “Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me.” ¹⁷ When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people.” ¹⁸ Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, “Tell me where is the house of the seer?” ¹⁹ Samuel answered Saul, “I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. ²⁰ As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's house?” ²¹ Saul answered, “Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?”

Sermon

“I Will Send”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn

All Glory be to Christ our King

Dustin Kensrue
(Auld Lang Syne)

Should nothing of our efforts stand no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ

**All glory be to Christ our King all glory be to Christ
His rule and reign will ever sing all glory be to Christ**

His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be all glory be to Christ

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

Danish

Postlude

Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Diademata) George J. Elvey
Arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are due TODAY!

Please join us for Worship on Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday at 7 PM. We will welcome anyone to share an offering of thanks for the Lord's grace this past year.

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."

Christmas Cards for our shut-ins are on a table in the narthex. If you would like to sign the cards, please feel free to do so. The last day the cards will be available is NEXT Sunday.

We will be holding a Cookie Exchange on Sunday December 14 to raise money for the roof project. All who are able to bring at least 3 dozen or more cookies (preferably homemade) are asked to bring them in the morning. After worship anyone may purchase a tin of the cookies of your choice for \$10 each. It's a great way to support the church and to get a variety of cookies for Christmas.

Our Christmas Offering this year will once again go to the Ministerial Relief Fund of the PCA. This fund is used to assist widows of pastors and missionaries, as well as retired pastors and missionaries, who face difficult financial circumstances.

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/Thanksgiving Day (November 27) is Sandy Jones' Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Pastor Ceselsky as he recovers from nerve surgery on his right leg and foot. Pray as well for Julie as she takes on the responsibilities of caring for and driving John.
2. Please continue to keep Judi Mason and her family, especially her children, Katie and Derek, in prayer as the continue to mourn Judi's ex-husband, Richard's, recent passing.
3. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Linda Karner – MTW Japan – Linda has asked that we pray for the region of Yamanshi – a region in which sits Mt. Fuji and its many lakes and gorges, as well as many Buddhist Temples. She has asked that we specifically pray for (1)The Christians: to grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, (2) The pastors: to preach the Word in season and out, and (3) The Gospel: that the gospel would go out with power and in the Holy Spirit.

4. 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.
5. 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
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Thursday:		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
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

Cookie Exchange – Sunday, December 14 – 12:30 PM
Christmas Eve Worship Service – Wednesday, December 24 – 6:30 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: November 23, 2025
Text: 1 Samuel 9:11-21
Sermon Title: "I Will Send"
Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Yahweh's providence directs all of his image-bearers.

Main Point 1: Young women direct Saul to Samuel. (vv. 11-14)

Point 1: Meeting women at wells.

Point 2: The women's excitement.

Point 3: Meeting Samuel at the gate.

Main Point 2: Yahweh directs Samuel to Saul. (vv. 15-17)

Point 1: Only God's revelation reveals God's purposes.

Point 2: I will send you.

Point 3: Yahweh's continuing compassion for his people.

Main Point 3: Samuel directs Saul. (vv. 18-21)

Point 1: Saul's Ignorance.

Point 2: Saul's Surprise/.

Point 3: Israel's Desire.