

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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...

The contrast between the beginning and the end of this chapter is astonishing – from lost donkeys to the word of God, from the utterly mundane to the infinitely significant! The chapter shows, however, that the God whose words was about to be made known to Saul was sovereign over every mundane detail that had occurred. God was directing all things to the point where the word of God would make Saul Israel's new leader.

John Woodhouse

Prelude

More Love To Thee

William Howard Doane

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 89:15-24

- ¹⁵ Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
¹⁶ who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.
¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- ¹⁹ Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:
“I have granted help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.
²⁰ I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,
²¹ so that my hand shall be established with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.
²² The enemy shall not outwit him;
the wicked shall not humble him.
²³ I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.
²⁴ My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

Invocation

Hymn No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

We embrace Christ through His Word

The Command of God

1 Peter 2:13-17

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

We Confess Our Sinfulness

We Acknowledge the Sinfulness of Human Government (Responsive)

1 Samuel 8:11-17

¹¹ "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you:

he will take [our] 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 [our] 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 [our] grain and of [our] 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 [our] flocks, and [we] shall be his slaves.**

Trinity Psalter

Psalms 2

St. George's, Windsor
Tune for #715, *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

Why do heathen nations rage?
Why do peoples plot in vain?
Kings and rulers join to wage
war against God's royal reign.
Speaking out against the LORD,
his Anointed they defy:
"Let us break apart their cords,
cast away their chains," they cry.

He who sits in heaven laughs;
God derides and mocks them all.
Then he speaks to them in wrath,
fear and dread on them do fall:
"Yet according to my will,
I have set my king to reign,
fixed on Zion's holy hill,
my Anointed will remain."

I will tell of his decree:
this to me the LORD did say,
"You are my beloved Son;
I have brought you forth this day.
Ask for all the earth abroad,
you shall own the nations far.
You will break them with a rod,
dash them like a potter's jar."

Therefore, kings, be wise, be warned;
rulers of the earth, give ear.
Come with awe and serve the LORD:
mingle joy with trembling fear.
Kiss the Son, his anger turn,
lest you perish in the way,
for his wrath will quickly burn.
All who trust him—blest are they!

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

Jesus, I Will Ponder

J.S. Bach
The Aisquith Choir

Jesus, I will ponder now On Thy holy Passion with Thy Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish Of Thy suff'ring, pain and death, That I may
not perish. If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me, Let Thy cross my fear
disarm, Peace of conscience give me. Grant that I may trust in Thee And Thy holy Passion. If
His Son so loveth me, God must have compassion.

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. 232

²² Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons. ²³ And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Put it aside.'" ²⁴ So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, "See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests."
So Saul ate with Samuel that day. ²⁵ And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep. ²⁶ Then at the break of dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Up, that I may send you on your way." So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.
²⁷ As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God."
^{10:1} Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the Lord anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the Lord and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies."

Sermon

"Kiss the Son"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing...

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy...

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found...

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love...

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

Danish

Postlude

All Hail The Power

(Coronation) Olive Holden

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

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child Boxes were sent off this past week. Thank you for your generosity – we were able to donate 27 boxes this 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 TODAY!

The Christmas Card box is in the narthex for you to drop off Christmas cards for members of the congregation (Please do not include cards for former members or shut-ins). Please deposit cards in the box. Pastor Ceselsky will arrange the cards each week (**do not sort cards yourself!**). Please check each week to see if you have any cards.

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 NEXT Sunday, December 7.

In the case of bad weather on days when we have Bible studies, or on Sundays; notifications of cancellations or schedule changes will be made via blast email, text alerts, a bar at the top of the main page of our website, and on the church's answering system.

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: Tomorrow (December 1) is Fran Oswinkle's Birthday, Wednesday (December 3) is Eileen Ley's Birthday, Thursday (December 4) is Daniela Andrade's Birthday, Friday (December 5) is Yuki Fisher's Birthday, and Saturday (December 6) is Lisa Snowden's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to be in prayer for Betty Jo Norris as she recovers from a recent hospital stay.
2. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Larry & Sandy Rockwell – MTW Peru – Please give thanks with Larry and Sandy for all of the relationships that they have been able to build with the Quechua people. Please pray especially as a number of new contacts have expressed interest in learning more about the things of Christ.
3. 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.
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:	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:	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 5 on Daniel 4:1-37 (Pages 47-54))
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 55-59 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

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 30, 2025

Text: 1 Samuel 9:22-10:1a

Sermon Title: "Kiss the Son"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We must submit to The Lord's Anointed.

Main Point 1: Saul's special treatment. (vv. 22-24)

Point 1: Saul's seat of honor.

Point 2: Saul's special meal.

Point 3: Saul's and the guests' understanding.

Main Point 2: Saul's sleepless night. (v. 25)

Main Point 3: Saul's secret anointing. (v. 10:1a)

Point 1: Saul anointed as a *Nagid*.

Point 2: Saul acknowledged by Samuel.

Point 3: Saul's anointed purpose.