

The Lord's Day

January 18, 2026 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...

Samuel [places] the new institution under the authority of God's Word; he did not highlight the authority of the king over the law, but rather the authority of the law over the king. Richard Phillips

Prelude *Rejoice, the Lord is King* (Darwall's 148th) – arr. Frederick Swann
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 Daniel 4:3 (NIV)

How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!
His kingdom is an eternal kingdom;
his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Invocation

Hymn No. 580 *Lead On, O King Eternal* Lancashire

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Hence forth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home;
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Why is He called Christ, that is, anointed?

Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by His word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in (the enjoyment of) that salvation, He has purchased for us.

Psalter Reading (Responsive)

Psalms 72:1-19

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

² **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**

³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

⁸ **May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!

¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;**

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

¹¹ **May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!**

¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

¹³ **He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.**

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

¹⁵ **Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him!**

May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!

¹⁶ **May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave;**
may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!

¹⁷ **May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!**

May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

¹⁸ **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

Amen and Amen!

We Acclaim Our King

Philippians 2:7-11

⁷ [Christ Jesus] emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We Acknowledge God's Wisdom (Responsive)

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ **For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”**

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ **For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.**

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

²³ **but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,**

²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ **For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

²⁷ **But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;**

²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

²⁹ **so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.**

³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

³¹ **so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”**

Hymn

O Church Arise

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O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is “Love!”
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,

This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *He's Got The Whole World In His Hand* (Spiritual) – arr. Margaret Bonds
Hattie Smith-Shannon, soprano

He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the woods and the waters in His hand, He's got the woods and the waters in His hand. He's got the sun and the moon right in his hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the birds and the bees right in His hand, He's got the birds and the bees right in His hand, He's got the beasts of the field right in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got you and me right in His hand, He's got you and me right in in His hand, he's got ev'ry body in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand.

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 10:17-27

Pew Bible pg. 232

¹⁷ Now Samuel called the people together to the Lord at Mizpah. ¹⁸ And he said to the people of Israel, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' ¹⁹ But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses, and you have said to him, 'Set a king over us.' Now therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your thousands."

²⁰ Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. ²¹ He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its clans, and the clan of the Matrites was taken by lot; and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot. But when they sought him, he could not be found. ²²

So they inquired again of the Lord, “Is there a man still to come?” and the Lord said, “Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage.” ²³ Then they ran and took him from there. And when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. ²⁴ And Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen? There is none like him among all the people.” And all the people shouted, “Long live the king!”

²⁵ Then Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship, and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the Lord. Then Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his home. ²⁶ Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went men of valor whose hearts God had touched. ²⁷ But some worthless fellows said, “How can this man save us?” And they despised him and brought him no present. But he held his peace.

Sermon

“Long Live the King!”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn No. 296

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

Coronation

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all (2X).

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all (2X).

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all (2X).

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all (2X).

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all (2X).

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all (2X).

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

Danish

Postlude

I Sing The Mighty Power

(Ellacombe) – arr. K. Dean

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

Announcements

We welcome Ms. Hattie Smith-Shannon as she blesses us in song this morning.

Contact Information for Pastor Ceselsky: Please note that John & Julie no longer have a home phone number. To reach Pastor Ceselsky, please use his cell number (in the church directory) or call the church.

Worship Service Recording: Pastor Ceselsky and Dr. Dean will be recording an emergency service (to be used on the occasion when we have to cancel our worship service at the last minute) on Wednesday at 3:30 PM. Any are welcome to join us and participate in the service.

2025 Tax Receipts are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up – and thank you for your generous giving in 2025.

Aisquith will be hosting a 3rd Movie and Fellowship Afternoon on Saturday January 31 (Snow Date is February 7) at 1:00 pm. We will be presenting *The King's Speech*. This Academy Award winning film chronicles the British monarchy during the 1930s. In the matter of merely a year, three Kings ruled. The movie focuses on how the new King, George VI, navigated his unexpected role. In the midst of Hitler's rise to power, and the advent of radio broadcasting, the new King finds he must overcome a significant stutter to address the British people. We kindly ask that you bring a snack to share.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is hereby called for 12:00 PM on Sunday, February 8. The purpose of this meeting is to review the annual reports and vote on changes to Aisquith's By-Laws (copies of the proposed By-Laws may be found in the narthex).

Annual Reports are due to Pastor Ceselsky no later than NEXT Sunday, January 25.

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: Today is Chris Snowden's Birthday, Friday (January 23) is Melody Bell's Birthday, and Saturday (January 24) is Jonathan Frank's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Dina Sunderland. Dina was recently diagnosed with Bell's Palsy and she will also be having a surgical procedure on Monday, February 9.
2. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Amy & Chuy Acosta – Mexico – Please be in prayer for Amy and Chuy and their work with Lenam in Mexico as they seek to share the Gospel with the children that have been brought into their home and with the surrounding community of Camichines. Please pray as well as they continue the work of rebuilding from the fires in their home last year.
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, Betty Jo Norris, 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
Tuesday:	3:30 PM	Recording of Emergency Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 6 on Daniel 5:1-31 (Pages 55-62))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 69-75 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

Coming Soon

Movie Fellowship Afternoon – *The King's Speech* – January 31 – 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Annual Congregational Meeting – February 8, 2026 – 12:00 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: January 18, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 10:17-27

Sermon Title: "Long Live the King!"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Yahweh remains the sovereign King.

Main Point 1: The Lord's rejection.

Point 1: His grace. (v. 18)

Point 2: Their sin. (v. 19a)

Point 3: My judgment. (v. 19b)

Main Point 2: The King's selection.

Point 1: Benjamin. (v. 20)

Point 2: Saul. (vv. 21-23)

Main Point 3: The People's Acclamation.

Point 1: Long Live the King! (v. 24)

Point 2: Samuel's Warning. (v. 25a, 1 Samuel 8:11-18, Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

Point 3: Saul's response. (vv. 25b-26a)

Point 4: Division. (vv. 26b-27)