

The Lord's Day

February 15, 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...

The Lord's faithfulness in saving his repenting and believing people cannot be questioned. Richard Phillips

Prelude *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy* (tune: Wellesley) – Frederick Faber
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

Psalm 77:11-15

- ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
¹² I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.
¹³ Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?
¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
¹⁵ You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Invocation

Hymn No. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

We embrace Christ through His Word

We Embrace God's Providence

Westminster Confession of Faith V.1

God, the great Creator of all things, does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

We Submit to God's Governing Providence (Responsive)

Romans 13:1-5

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.**

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 76

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

We Acknowledge Our Sin

We Embrace God's Discipline

Hebrews 12:5-6

⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,

nor be weary when reproved by him.
6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

The Promise of the Gospel

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Hymn No. 455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Sagina

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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'Tis myst'ry all! Th' Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

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

RE Mark Werner

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Peace, Be Still

Horatio Palmer

Trumpet: Mr. Raymond Green & Organ: Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.

Master, the tempest is raging! The billows are tossing high! The sky is o'ershadowed with blackness; No shelter or help is nigh; Carest Thou not we perish? How canst Thou lie asleep, When each moment so madly is threatening A grace in the angry deep? **The winds and the waves shall obey My will, Peace, be still! Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea, Or demons, or men, or whatever it be, No water can swallow the ship where lies The Master of ocean, and earth, and skies; They shall sweetly obey My will; Peace, be still! Peace, be still! They all shall sweetly obey My will; Peace, be still!** Master, with anguish of spirit I bow in my grief today; The depths of my sad heart are troubled; O waken and save, I pray! Torrents of sin and of anguish Sweep o'er my sinking soul; And I perish! I perish! dear Master; O hasten, and take control. **(Refrain)** Master, the terror is over, The elements sweetly rest; Earth's sun in the

calm lake is mirrored, And heaven's within my breast; Linger, O blessed Redeemer, Leave me alone no more; And with joy I shall make the blest harbor, And rest on the blissful shore.
(Refrain)

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 12:6-11

Pew Bible pg. 234

⁶ And Samuel said to the people, "The Lord is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. ⁷ Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous deeds of the Lord that he performed for you and for your fathers. ⁸ When Jacob went into Egypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your fathers cried out to the Lord and the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place. ⁹ But they forgot the Lord their God. And he sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab. And they fought against them. ¹⁰ And they cried out to the Lord and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. But now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, that we may serve you.' ¹¹ And the Lord sent Jerubbaal and Barak and Jephthah and Samuel and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived in safety.

Sermon

"The History of His Story"

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn No. 710

God of Our Fathers

National Hymn

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase, thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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

Danish

Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Jill Jackson Miller

Trumpet: Mr. Raymond Green & Organ: Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr.

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

Announcements

We welcome Mr. Raymond Green as he plays the trumpet for us this morning.

Easter Tulips may be ordered again this year. The book to sign up is located in the narthex. The cost is \$10 (please use a pink envelope and label it "Flowers") and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, March, 15.

Donations for Pastor Ceselsky to attend General Assembly may be made using the pink envelopes in the pews – please label the donation as "General Assembly" or "GA" for short.

Donations for the Roof repair can be made through the ARC Fund. Please use a pink envelope and label it "ARC" or "Roof."

Aisquith will be hosting a 3rd Movie and Fellowship Afternoon on Saturday, March 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.

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church will be hosting a dinner for China Outreach Ministries on Friday, March 13 at 6 PM. Information for the event and to RSVP can be found on the flyers in the narthex.

Office Supply lists are available in the narthex if you would like to help cover the cost of these regular expenses. Please give any donations to Pastor Ceselsky.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Thursday (February 19) is Sylvia Barfield's Birthday and Friday (February 20) is Barb Jacob's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Jeanne Williams as she recovers from a fall which produced three broken ribs.
2. Please continue to be in prayer for Liam Bell as he has been dealing with a racing heartbeat and chest tightness. Liam's bloodwork was completely clear and healthy. He also saw a cardiologist this past week who determined that Liam's heart is healthy. Liam will be monitored for about a month just to make sure that all is well.
3. We give thanks that Nancy Pearre's first surgery went well and continue to pray for her as she has surgery on her second eye next Monday.

4. Please continue to be in prayer for the Andrade family as they rejoice in the birth of Fabiola Atziri Andrade on Tuesday. Please pray for Angela as she recovers and also pray for Noe, Tatiana, Naomi, Daniella, and Damian.
5. Please continue to keep Dina Sunderland in prayer. We are thankful that her surgery went well and they were able to do the procedure robotically. Please continue to pray as she waits for the results of biopsied material that was sent for testing – she will receive the results at the end of the month.
6. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Linda Karner – MTW, Japan – Please pray for Linda and the entire MTW team serving in Japan. Pray that the light of the Gospel will shine forth as Linda teaches and as Christians faithfully share the light of Christ in a difficult field.
7. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Evelyn King, Betty Jo Norris, 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
Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson 7 on Daniel 6:1-28 (Pages 63-70))
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare pages 89-95 of the Chronological Guide to the Bible)
Thursday:	6:00 PM	Choir Practice – Rooms 26-27
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

Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 PM – Movie & Fellowship Afternoon

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

Women's Care Ministry: Christine Clark, Debbie DeFord, Judi Mason, Fran Oswinkle, & Jeanne Williams (Moderator)

Sermon Notes

Date: February 15, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 12:6-11

Sermon Title: "The History of His Story"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Our History must always reflect the History of His Story.

Main Point 1: The Righteous Judge. (v. 6)

Point 1: Appoints.

Point 2: Saves.

Main Point 2: The Pleading Prosecutor. (v. 7)

Main Point 3: The Case against the Accused.

Point 1: Redemption. (v. 8)

Point 2: Rebellion. (v. 9a)

Point 3: Retribution. (v. 9b)

Point 4: Repentance. (v. 10)

Point 5: Restoration. (v. 11)