

The Lord's Day

October 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...

Sin cherished in the heart will invariably express itself through the mouth and the hands. Richard Phillips

Prelude

The Solid Rock

William Bradbury

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

Ezekiel 39:25-29

²⁵ “Thus says the Lord God: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. ²⁶ They shall forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid, ²⁷ when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations. ²⁸ Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. ²⁹ And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God.”

Invocation

Hymn No. 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

Trinity

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

We embrace Christ through His Word

Our Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 77

What is required in the ninth commandment?

The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

We Acknowledge Our Sinful Nature (Responsive)

Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

¹⁵ **For I do not understand my own actions.**

For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ **Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.**

¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸ **For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.**

For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

¹⁹ **For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.**

²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ **So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.**

²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

²³ **but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.**

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

²⁵ **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

We Acknowledge the Work of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ Regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We Embrace Our King (Responsive)

Psalms 2

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

² **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,**

³ "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

⁴ **He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ **"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."**

⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Hymn No. 243

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Upp, Min Tunga

Praise the Savior now and ev’r, praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying, suff’ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict’ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.

Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availeth; he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin’s bond severed, we’re delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;
Death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death’s prison; o’er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit, through Christ’s merit he doth us salvation bring.

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

Holy Spirit, Live in Me

Fanny Crosby
The Aisquith Choir

Holy Spirit, live in me; More like Jesus let me be: Fill my soul with peace and love, Make me
gentle as a dove. More like Jesus as I go – Pilgrim in this world below; Poor in spirit I would be,
Holy Spirit, live in Me. More like Jesus when I pray, More, like Jesus day by day; More like Him
each day; He will teach me how to live, Teach me how to live, all my sinful ways forgive, He’ll
forgive. O, by grace renewed, my will subdued; Rich in faith I would be, Holy Spirit, live in me;
Holy Spirit, live in me.

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

⁶ As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. ⁷ And the women sang to one another as they celebrated,

“Saul has struck down his thousands,
and David his ten thousands.”

⁸ And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?” ⁹ And Saul eyed David from that day on.

¹⁰ The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. ¹¹ And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David evaded him twice.

¹² Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. ¹³ So Saul removed him from his presence and made him a commander of a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people. ¹⁴ And David had success in all his undertakings, for the Lord was with him. ¹⁵ And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

Sermon

“Forever Will It Dominate Your Destiny”

Pastor Ceselsky

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

We respond to God’s Grace

Hymn No. 2 (HMR)

How Marvelous, How Wise, How Great

Spruce Street

How marvelous, how wise, how great,
how infinite to contemplate: Jehovah’s saving plan.
He saw me in my lost estate yet purposed to regenerate
this faithless, fallen man.

Foreknown before the world began,
according to his gracious plan, God destined I must be
conformed to Jesus Christ, the man, who lived and loved as no man can;
a glorious decree.

He bore my sin on Calvary’s tree
and righteousness bestowed on me that I might see his face.
God justified me, set me free, and glorified I soon will be:
how marvelous this grace.

What have I now but to embrace
the God who saved me from disgrace and love him evermore;
and with contentment run my race my eyes fixed ever on his face
to praise him and adore.

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

Danish

Postlude

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

(Austrian Hymn) F.J. Haydn

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

Announcements

An informational (informal) congregational meeting is hereby called for next Sunday, October 25 to immediately follow the Lord's Day worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to update the congregation on our current financial standing and 2027 budget planning.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the Narthex. All boxes need to be returned no later than Sunday, November 22.

Nominations for the offices of Deacon and Elder may be made to Pastor Ceselsky or one of the members of the Session. You may also nominate someone that you believe would be a good addition to the Women's Care Ministry.

The Session would like to send Pastor Ceselsky to the 2027 General Assembly of the PCA (June 14-18). We are not in a position to put such an expense into the budget (just like this year), but if you would like to give for this important event, please make a donation through the pink envelopes in the pew and label them "GA" or "General Assembly." This year, we will need to raise \$2,000.00 as we had a surplus of over \$500.00 from this past year.

Please plan to join us at the Joint Reformation Service this year (November 1 at 3:30 PM at Broadneck EP Church – 235 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold MD). The speaker this year is Dr. Jonathan Master, President of Greenville Theological Seminary. Please contact Pastor Ceselsky if you need a ride to this wonderful service.

Timonium Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Reformation Service next Sunday, October 25 at 6 PM with refreshments to follow. Dr. Iain Duguid, Professor of Old Testament and Dean of Online Programs at Westminster Theological Seminary, and pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Glenside, Pennsylvania, will be the guest speaker. All are welcome!

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Tuesday (October 20) is Bill Kuegler's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. We give praise that Ron & Lynda Gillis' son-in-law, Josh, is now safely home! Ron and Lynda are thankful for the prayers of the saints on Josh and their family's behalf.
2. Please be in prayer for Betty Jo Norris. Betty Jo was taken to the hospital earlier this week with breathing problems. She has been struggling with excess fluid in her lungs, around her heart, and body. She is doing better, but she and Norm could certainly be blessed by our prayers.
3. Please be in the prayer for the family of Stephen Rarig. Stephen was supported by Aisquith for many years as he served as a missionary with MTW in Australia. Stephen went home to be with the Lord on Monday evening, so please pray for his family in this time as they mourn his passing.

4. Please continue to be in prayer for Ken Dean's grandson (Kenneth), grandson (Jalen), and great-grandson (Kari) as they continue to recover from the RSV virus – all are home from the hospital and doing better.
5. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she has discontinued her physical therapy regimen due to lack of progress. Libby is continuing to work on neurological rest and home exercises. Please pray especially for a reduction of dizziness, confusion, daily migraines, and chronic fatigue as well as her ability to perform regular activities. Please pray as well for patience and joy in the midst of her adversity.
6. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Helping Up Mission – Please pray for the work of the Helping Up Mission as they seek to minister to men and women in need in Baltimore City. Please keep this important work in prayer as the weather begins to change and the demand for their help grows.
7. Please continue to be in prayer for those in our congregation who have on-going health concerns: Evelyn King; Maisie Manning's daughter, Yvonne; Betty Jo Norris; Alice Orie, 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.

Coming Soon

Joint Reformation Service, Sunday, November 1 – 3:30 PM – Broadneck EP Church

Weekly Calendar

TODAY:	9:30 AM	Sunday School Children: Rooms 16,17 Adults – Room 11 (Please read the Book of Jonah in preparation for the adult class.)
	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 #12 – Daniel 11:2-12:3 (pgs. 103-110))
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare The Parable of the Hidden Treasure (pgs. 26-28))
	6:00 PM	Choir Practice – Rooms 26, 27
NEXT Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School Children: Rooms 16,17 Adults – Room 11 (Please read the Book of Micah in preparation for the adult class.)
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Informational Congregational Meeting

Church Officers

Ruling Elders: Riley B. Franklin, Jeff Soule & Mark Werner (Clerk)

Deacons: Andrew Bell, Gus DeFord, Ken Schumann (President), and Rick Willis

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

Sermon Notes

Date: October 18, 2026

Text: 1 Samuel 18:6-16

Sermon Title: "Forever Will It Dominate Your Destiny"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: We must guard our hearts against unjust anger, jealousy, and fear.

Main Point 1: Saul's Anger Provoked.

Point 1: The Heroes are Celebrated. (v. 6)

Point 2: The Song is Misunderstood. (vv. 7,8)

Point 3: The King's Heart was Settled. (v. 9)

Main Point 2: Saul's Anger Manifested.

Point 1: What S(s)pirit leads us? (v. 10)

Point 2: What's in our hands? (v. 10)

Point 3: What's in our minds? (v. 11)

Main Point 3: Saul's Murderous Design.

Point 1: A Fearful Plan. (vv. 12,15)

Point 2: A Foreshadowing Plan. (2 Samuel 11)

Point 3: The “Face” of the Plan. (vv. 12,13,15,16)

Point 4: A Failed Plan.