The Lord's Day

November 1, 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…

Saul's downward-spiraling rage against David shows the peril of an unrepentant heart. No doubt the thought of repenting of his obviously evil disposition was repulsive to Saul, but how much trouble it would have spared him.
Richard Phillips

Prelude *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich
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 103:8-13

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Invocation

Hymn No. 76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Lauda Anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

We embrace Christ through His Word

We Confess our Faith — Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 123,127,129,131

Which is the fifth commandment?
The fifth commandment is, *Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.*

What is the honor that inferiors owe to their superiors?
The honor which inferiors owe to their superiors is, all due reverence in heart, word, and behavior; prayer and thanksgiving for them; imitation of their virtues and graces; willing obedience to their lawful commands and counsels; due submission to their corrections; fidelity to, defense, and maintenance of their persons and authority, according to their several ranks, and the nature of their places; bearing with their infirmities, and covering them in love, that so they may be an honor to them and to their government.

What is required of superiors towards their inferiors?
It is required of superiors, according to that power they receive from God, and that relation wherein they stand, to love, pray for, and bless their inferiors; to instruct, counsel, and admonish them; countenancing, commending, and rewarding such as do well; and discountenancing, reproving, and chastising such as do ill; protecting, and providing for them all things necessary for soul and body: and by grave, wise, holy, and exemplary carriage, to procure glory to God, honor to themselves, and so to preserve that authority which God hath put upon them.

What are the duties of equals?
The duties of equals are, to regard the dignity and worth of each other, in giving honor to go one before another; and to rejoice in each others' gifts and advancement, as their own.

Individual Prayer of Confession

The Cost of Fallowing Christ — Luke 14:26-27

[26] If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. [27] Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Our Calling in Christ (Responsive) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

[17] 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.

Hymn No. 305 *Arise, My Soul, Arise* Lenox

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

<u>We respond in gratitude for God's blessing</u>

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

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *God Leads Us Along* G.A. Young
The Aisquith Choir

In shady green pastures, so rich and so sweet, God leads his dear children along; Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet, God leads his children along. Some through

waters, Some through the flood, Some through the fire, but all through the blood; Some through great sorrow but God gives a song, In the night season and all the day long. Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright, God leads his dear children along; Sometimes in the valley in darkest of night, God leads his dear children along. Though sorrows befall us and Satan oppose, God leads his dear children along; through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes, God leads his dear children along. Some through waters, Some through flood, Some through fire, but all through the blood; Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song, In the night season and all the day long.

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 and Sacrament

Scripture Reading — 1 Samuel 19:1-7 — Pew Bible pg. 242

[1] And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. [2] And Jonathan told David, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. [3] And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you." [4] And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. [5] For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the Lord worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?" [6] And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, "As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death." [7] And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan reported to him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.

Sermon — "The Ministry of Reconciliation" — Pastor Ceselsky

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

Hymn No. 425 — *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken* — Eucharistic Hymn

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn — *Beneath the Cross* — Getty

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

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

Postlude *Ein 'Feste Burg* Martin Luther

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

Announcements

Pastor Ceselsky will be away beginning on Wednesday for a week. Please direct any concerns to one of the elders.

The Thanksgiving Offering this year will go to replenish our Help Fund (used to assist members and regular attenders who have financial needs). You can give to this fund by using your Thanksgiving envelope or one of the pink envelopes in the pew (label the envelope Thanksgiving or Help Fund).

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 (TODAY at 3:30 PM at Broadneck EP Church – 235 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold MD). The speaker this year is Dr. Jonathan Master, President of Greeneville Theological Seminary. Please contact Pastor Ceselsky if you need a ride to this wonderful service.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week: Today is Riley Franklin's Birthday.

Prayer Requests

1. Please be in prayer for Pastor Ceselsky as he has surgery this Wednesday on his right leg. Please pray for a quick recovery and that this surgery (his 3rd on this leg) will restore full feeling and functionality.

2. Please be in prayer for Mark & Betty Werner's son-in-law, Tim (Erin's husband). Tim has been having some heart issues – please pray that he will be able to see his cardiologist soon and that they will be able to diagnose and treat whatever is occurring.

3. Please continue to be in prayer for Mary Lou Wickham. Mary Lou fractured a vertebrae in her back and has been in significant pain. Please pray for wisdom as she meets with doctors to come up with a treatment plan, and pray as well for a full and speedy recovery.

4. Please continue to be in prayer for Betty Jo Norris. Betty Jo has been dealing with excess fluid in her lungs, around her heart, and body causing breathing issues. She continues to do better, but she and Norm (who had pneumonia, but is recovering) would certainly be blessed by our prayers.

5. Please continue to be in prayer for Libby Soule as she waits to meet with doctors to discuss treatment for her ruptured bicep femoris tendon. Please pray as well for physical comfort in the healing process.

6. Missions Prayer Request for the Week: Phil & Amina (MTW – Sout Asia) – Give praise with Phil & Amina at the grown of their church and church planting efforts as many have come to faith in Jesus. Please pray as well for Phil as he continues to work on his DMin program, and for their daughter, Ashlynn, who had to return home from college because of some medical issues.

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.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY: 9:30 AM Sunday School

		Children: Rooms 16,17 Adults – Room 11 (Please read the Book of Nahum in preparation for the adult class.)
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service with The Lord's Supper
	3:30 PM	Joint Reformation Service – Broadneck EP Church
Tuesday:	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice – Room 28
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare Lesson #13 – Daniel 12:4-13 (pgs. 111-118))
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study – Rooms 15-16 (Please prepare The Dragnet (pgs. 32-35))
	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 Habakkuk in preparation for the adult class.)
	10:30 AM	Lord's Day Worship Service

Coming Soon

Wednesday, November 25 – 7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Saturday, November 28 – 1 PM – Movie & Fellowship Afternoon – *White Christmas*

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: November 1, 2026
Text: 1 Samuel 19:1-7
Sermon Title: "The Ministry of Reconciliation
Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Our relationships must be ordered by the Lord.

Main Point 1: Saul to Jonathan: Kill.

Point 1: Kill David. (v. 1a)

Point 2: But Jonathan. (v. 1b)

Main Point 2: Jonathan to David: Hide. (vv. 2,3)

Main Point 3: Jonathan to Saul: Do not.

Point 1: Do not sin. (vv. 4,5)

Point 2: Do not forsake what you have witnessed. (v. 5)

Point 3: Saul's Oath: I will not. (v. 6)

Main Point 4: John to David: Reconciliation (v. 7)