

The Lord's Day

August 11, 2013
9:30 & 11:00 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest. Our hope and prayer is that you will encounter the Living God and experience his grace and blessing in the service and through fellowship with his people. As we prepare for worship, quiet is requested when the prelude begins.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this...

'Peace' was the subject of the angel's carol in the night of the Lord's nativity; so 'Peace' is the first word He pronounced in the ears of His disciples now that He is risen from the dead. So will it be when we meet Him face to face – we, with all our miserable failures, both individual and corporate; we with all our sins of omission and commissions; we, with all our bitter controversies, and deplorable divisions.
Arthur Pink

Prelude *Amazing Grace* from *Virginia Harmony*

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship

Glory to God in the highest heaven! And on earth peace for those on whom his favor rests.

In the tender compassion of our God, the morning sun has risen upon us who lived in darkness.

The Word has become flesh, has come to dwell among us, and we have seen his glory.

Glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

To us a child is born, to us a son is given. Alleluia!

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 156 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* St. Theodulph

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace,
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, you sad hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom.
Despair not, he is near you, yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace.
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heaven.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading

Psalm 85 (pg. 814)

You showed favor to your land, O LORD;

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints—but let them not return to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in the land.

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

*The Gloria Patri

(*Hymnal*, pg. 734)

*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:6-11

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man,

though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood,

How much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son,

How much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*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.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

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

We remind you to register soon for the September 21 WIC Retreat. We are limiting attendance to 100 ladies. You can register online at www.aisquith.org/WIC, or fill out a registration form, which you'll find on the WIC bulletin boards.

At the Impact Pot-Luck Dinner we will be taking a special offering for the ministry of Amy and Chuy Acosta and the "Little Ranch with Hope." If you are willing to give a special gift please bring it with you to the pot-luck or give it to Pastor Ceselsky. This year Amy and Chuy as well as two of their children and four of the foster children will, Lord willing, be present for the pot-luck dinner.

The WIC Council is looking for "a few good men" to volunteer to help serve lunch and clean up after the Women's Retreat on Saturday, September 21 from 11:30 to 2:30. Please call Robin Willis (410-444-5214) if you are willing to help make this a memorable day.

Financial Report (as of the end of June)

Income	\$183,119 (\$2593 over budget)
Expenses	\$178,445 (\$2071 below budget)
Difference	\$4,674

We thank you for your faithful giving and encourage you continue giving to the Glory of God.