

The Lord's Day

January 5, 2020
10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born from God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. *1 John 4:7, 8 (ESV)*

Prelude

Prelude #1 in C Major

J.S. Bach
Mr. Scott Engel

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Isaiah 12:1, 2, 4 (ESV)

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away; that you might comfort me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

*Hymn No. 77

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Andrews

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, praise with us the God of grace.

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.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Sins and Assurance of Pardon (unison)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” **Matthew 22:37-40**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn No. 213

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

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

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

I Offer My Life

Coninger & Moen, arr. Bill Wolaver

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Hosea 1:1-2:1

(Pew Bible, pg. 636)

1 The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

Hosea's Wife and Children

² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." ³ So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said to him, "Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

⁵ And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, "Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. ⁷ But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."

⁸ When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ And the LORD said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it

shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.” ¹¹ And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Israel’s Unfaithfulness Punished

2 Say to your brothers, “You are my people,” and to your sisters, “You have received mercy.”

Sermon	“Transcending Love”	Pastor Bell
Hymn No. 703 (vv. 1, 2)	<i>Loved with Everlasting Love</i>	Mountain

Loved with everlasting love, drawn by grace that love to know,
Spirit sent from Christ above, thou dost witness it is so,
O this full and precious peace from his presence all divine;
In a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine. (2X)

Heav’n above is deeper blue, earth around is sweeter green,
That which glows in every hue Christless eyes have never seen.
Birds in song his glories show, flow’rs with richer beauties shine
Since I know, as now I know, I am his and he is mine

The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 703 (vv. 3, 4)	<i>Loved with Everlasting Love</i>	Mountain
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Taste the goodness of the Lord: welcomed home to his embrace,
All his love as blood outpoured seals the pardon of his grace.
Can I doubt his love for me, when I trace that love’s design?
By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine.

His forever, only his—who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart.
Heav’n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline,
But while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine.

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

Danish Postlude	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	P. Knapp, arr. Carol Tornquist
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*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Christine Clark; NEXT WEEK, January 12, Janet Johnson.

Please check the narthex table for your Christmas Cards!

Offering envelopes for 2020 are also on the narthex table. Numbers have changed, so look for your name! The Deacons will continue to record your contributions under the new number for 2020. If you need a box speak to Pastor Bell.

Our Christmas Offering will go to the Presbyterian Church in America’s Ministerial Relief Fund which is used to assist the widows and orphans of PCA ministers and missionaries as well as retired ministers who are in financial need. Use your “Christmas” envelope or write “Christmas” on a pink pew envelope for you gifts. Thank you for your generosity.

A Congregational Meeting is hereby called for Sunday, February 9th following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review the annual reports and the election of elders and deacons. The approved nominees are; for elder: John Cicone, and for deacon: Gus DeFord.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY **10:30 AM** **Worship and the Lord's
Supper**
TUESDAY **10:30 AM** **Ladies' and Men's Bible
Studies**
 7:00 PM **Ladies' Bible Study**
SUNDAY **9:00 AM** **Sunday School**
 10:30 AM **Worship**

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