

The Order for the Worship of God

October 3, 2021

11:00 a.m.

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (Revelation 1:5b-6)

Welcome and Announcements (**Please turn your cell phone to “silent” mode. Thank you!**)

Prelude Judy Bailey

Call to Worship from Psalm 115

PASTOR: Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”

ALL: Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.... We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn #75 *O Father, You Are Sovereign* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison – from The Valley of Vision, p. 177)

Your cause, not my own, engages my heart, and I appeal to you with greatest freedom to set up your kingdom in every place where Satan reigns. Glorify yourself and I shall rejoice. To bring honor to your name is my sole desire. I adore you, O my Lord and God, and long that others should know it, feel it, and rejoice in it. O that all men might love and praise you, that you might have all glory from the peoples of the world! Lord, use me as you will to promote your cause. Let your kingdom come, let your blessed interest be advanced in this world! Bring in great numbers to Jesus! It is your cause and kingdom I long for, not my own. Amen.

*Songbook #1 *Across the Lands* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:1-5

Sermon *Alexander MacKay: Road-maker for Christ* Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read the following prayer after which confess personal sins to God.

Heavenly Father, you have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as a guest, I wholly rest on the merits of Jesus, and hide myself beneath his righteousness. As I partake

of the emblems of my Savior’s death, may I ponder why he died, and hear him say, “I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself an offering to expiate your sin, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curse to set you free, bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice.” In the supper I remember his eternal love, boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross, redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, so may your indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen.

The Lord’s Supper

*Hymn #452 *Macedonia* words printed on back

Postlude Judy Bailey

*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

WELCOME TO ALL who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship, to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Please fill out the Friendship Registers and pass them down the row for all to sign so that after worship, you can greet by name those who may be visiting.**

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS – 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. today in the Fellowship Hall.

DR. SILMAN’S SERMONS are prerecorded and aired at 8:00 a.m. on WSQL Radio (1240 AM or 102.1 FM or may be accessed online at www.wsql.info) each Sunday or on the church website after they have been posted.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes and packing instructions are available in the foyer. The boxes need to be returned to the church **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, November 14th.

FAITH PROMISES FOR MISSIONS 2021 – will be mailed out this week. Please prayerfully consider your financial involvement and return the unsigned card to the church by October 31st.

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O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore; sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man; no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space; you hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain, transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain. All evil overruling, as none by Conqu'ror could; your love pursues its purpose – our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now; but soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew, our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

ACROSS THE LANDS

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began; Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand. All creation holds together by the power of your voice: Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

REFRAIN: You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man; and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea, yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. **REFRAIN**

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave, and ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake. Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own from each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home. **REFRAIN**

MACEDONIA

The vision of a dying world is vast before our eyes; we feel the heartbeat of its need, we hear its feeble cries. Lord Jesus Christ, revive thy church in this, her crucial hour! Lord Jesus Christ, awake thy church with Spirit-given pow'r.

The warning bell of judgment tolls, above us looms the cross; around are ever-dying souls – how great, how great the loss! O Lord, constrain and move thy church the glad news to impart! And Lord, as thou dost stir thy church, begin within my heart.

*...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20*



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OUR VISION

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a vibrant and unified community of Christians and their covenant children whose sole desire is to glorify God in everything. Because God's grace has won our affections we are wholeheartedly committed to the following: the absolute authority of the Bible because it is the very Word of God; enthusiastic and biblical worship; deeds of mercy and sacrificial service; earnest prayer; deepening relationships with one another; and joyful, intentional proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ to all the world beginning in Brevard. We warmly welcome as members all who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and fully share our vision.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is to glorify the triune God by exalting Him and by edifying and equipping our members to share the gospel with everyone in both word and deed beginning in Brevard and to the ends of the earth.