

The Order for the Worship of God

October 24, 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 Tim Browning

Call to Worship from Lamentations 3

PASTOR: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

ALL: **“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”**

*Hymn #32 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* words printed on back

*Prayer of Adoration

Loving heavenly Father, yours is surpassing greatness, unspeakable goodness, and superabundant grace. Your steadfast love greets us each morning, and your faithfulness is our constant companion. Your mercies are fresh each day, flowing toward us in your patient perseverance and loving guidance. We thank you for personal mercies; for a measure of health, the comforts of home, food, and clothing; for those moments of domestic peace and harmony; and for your ongoing protection of ourselves, those whom we love, and your Church on earth. Accept our praise and thanks this glad day which we offer in the name of Jesus, whose obedience is our righteousness and whose death has fully paid the debt of our sins. Amen.

*Songbook #44 *Speak O Lord* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Ruling Elder John Rowe

Scripture Lesson Lamentations 4:1

Sermon *The State of the 21st Century Church in America* Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read the following prayer after which confess personal sins

Most holy God and Father, we mourn the decline of the church in America. We give thanks that

when your people, who are called by your name, humble themselves, turn from their wicked ways and seek your face, that you will hear their pleas for mercy and grace, and heal their land. We plead today for your church in our land. The gold of the gospel has become dim, tarnished by naturalism, humanism, moralistic therapeutic deism, the pseudo god of science and more. Lord, revive your church in our day, and begin with us. In Jesus’ name Amen.

*Songbook #347 *The Church’s One Foundation* words printed on back

Postlude Tim Browning

*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.**

DR. AND MRS. SILMAN begin their vacation tomorrow. Please send prayer requests to Rebecca Hagedorn for posting: rnrhagedorn1124@gmail.com. For pastoral needs or concerns, please contact a ruling elder.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is underway. Please pick up a box along with packing instructions, fill and return the box no later than Sunday, November 14.

FAITH PROMISES FOR 2022. Please prayerfully consider your financial involvement in the support of our church’s missionaries and missions causes for 2022 and, if possible, return the unsigned card to the church by October 31st. The promise is made to God in faith that he will provide what you have promised to give; therefore, there is no need to sign the card. The only requirement is to trust God to provide what you have promised to give!

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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided – Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in the courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **REFRAIN**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **REFRAIN**

SPEAK O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word. Take your truth plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ may be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down though eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation, by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end. Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale, against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One; and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is one. O happy ones and holy! Lord, grant us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

*...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.