

The Order for the Worship of God

November 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“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 Psalm 146

PASTOR: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free ... the LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

ALL: The LORD will reign forever ... Praise the LORD!

*Hymn #194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* words on back and on screen

Corporate Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, we thank you. We lift up our voices in praise of Emmanuel – “God with us!” By your holy prophets you promised that your only Son would come in the flesh for us and be born of a virgin. In these last days you have fulfilled your Word. When he who came to redeem us by his perfect obedience, sufferings and death comes to be our judge, we rejoice that by virtue of his imputed blood and righteousness we shall not be put to shame. Amen.

Songbook #21 *In Christ Alone* words on back and on screen

Heidelberg Catechism: 12 – 15

PASTOR: According to God’s righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God’s favor?

ALL: God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore, the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or another.

PASTOR: Can we pay this debt ourselves?

ALL: Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.

PASTOR: Can another creature – any at all – pay this debt for us?

ALL: No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God’s eternal anger against sin and release others from it.

PASTOR: What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

ALL: One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Galatians 4:1-7

Advent Series: The Virgin Birth of Jesus #1 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read the following prayer followed by your personal prayer of confession to God

Heavenly Father, we live in a broken world as broken people. We long to be made whole. We have pinned all our hopes for that upon Jesus, whom you sent into this world to make all things new. By faith in your only begotten Son, we are new creations – the old is passing away, the new is coming. Continue, we pray, the work you have begun in us until we have been completely renewed after the image of Christ Jesus who was conceived in Mary’s womb by the Holy Spirit and born of her without sin. Amen.

Hymn #194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* words on back and on screen

*Benediction

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 sign the friendship register.

SHARING WITH SHARING HOUSE. Canned goods and cleaning supplies are being collected for Sharing House during Advent. A list of needed items is posted on both bulletin boards in the foyer. Please pick up a bag, fill and place it under the Poinsettia tree by December 12th. Thanks!

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O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (stanzas 1 and 3)

O come, O come, Emmauel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

REFRAIN: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. REFRAIN

IN CHRIST ALONE (stanzas 1-2)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song: this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fulness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (stanzas 4-5)

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing night; disperse the gloomy clouds of night. And death's dark shadows put to flight. REFRAIN

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. REFRAIN

*...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.