

The Order for the Worship of God

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent
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 Isaiah 40

PASTOR: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned.

ALL: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

*Hymn 198 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

*A Corporate Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions and Answers 21 and 22

Pastor: Who is the Redeemer of God’s elect?

ALL: The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Pastor: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

ALL: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Songbook 16 *Holy Child*

*Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:1-11

Advent Series – “The Virgin Birth of Jesus” #2

The Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Corporate Prayer of Confession (followed by the silent confession of sins)

Heavenly Father, we confess with our lips the blessedness of taking refuge in you; however, our lives proclaim a different story. We sing the wonders of your love, but in our hearts, we grumble and complain about your perfect law, under whose wise counsel we chafe. Lord Jesus, thank you that you are the King who rules in truth and grace. You are the First and the Last, the Lord of the nations, worthy of the praises of all peoples. Thank you that you bore the curse of Adam’s sin and ours, and that through your perfect obedience you bring unbounded blessing to all who trust in you. Thank you that you, the Eternal One, took flesh and died for us, and that you are now alive forevermore, ruling and reigning over all. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Hymn 219 *All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord*

*Benediction

Postlude Judy Bailey

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

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. We ask that all worshippers **please sign the friendship register.**

INVITED TO PARTAKE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER are baptized believers who are communing members in good standing of any church that proclaims salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone.

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY led by Dr. Howard Jones (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.) - Room #6 - *“Old Testament Lessons with New Testament Applications”*.

CHRISTMAS SPEVICE OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC is scheduled for next Sunday – December 12th. Judy Bailey will play seasonal carols and arrangements on her grand harp. The service has been planned with three twenty-minute segments. (1) Harp music, (2) Ministry of the Word, and (3) Congregational response in song! Invite your friends to join you for this special Christmas Service.

DR. SILMAN’S SERMONS are aired one week later at 8:00 a.m. on WSQL Radio (1240 AM or 102.1 FM or may be accessed online at www.wsql.info) at the same time each Sunday.

WHITE GIFTS FOR SHARING HOUSE. Please pick up a white bag, fill it with items (see the list on one of the bulletin boards on either side of the foyer) and place it under the Poinsettia Tree.

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LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES!

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes in whom this King in triumph comes!

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

HOLY CHILD

Holy Child who chose the hearts of men to be His favored home. Leaving Heaven's gates for Bethlehem, God came to call His own. Now to us the highest King is born – Behold, the Royal Son. Glory kneels to bind up all that's torn – the promised One has come.

Joy and pain as man He knew on earth; no place to lay his head. As a servant He embraced this world and on a cross He bled. Having borne the deepest grief of man, He rose to Heaven's throne. Now I'm sheltered in the Father's hand until He calls me home.

May the gift of God amaze us still – the triumph of all time. As His child I kneel to Heaven's will and make His purpose mine. Though this road be scarred with trial and pain, it's paved with lavish grace. Knowing Him will be my greatest gain – His Throne my resting place.

ALL PRAISE TO YOU, ETERNAL LORD

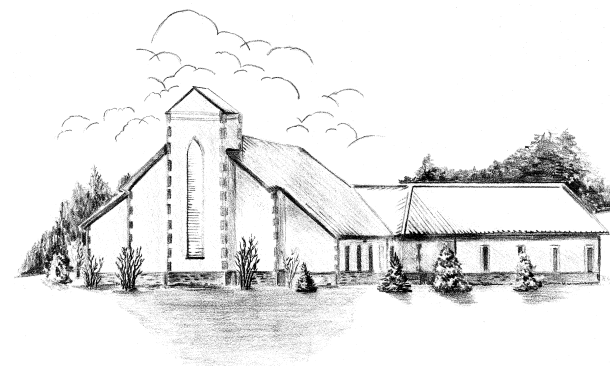
All praise to you, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood; choosing a manger for your throne, while worlds on worlds are yours alone.

Once did the skies before you bow; a virgin's arms contain you now; angels who did in you rejoice now listen for your infant voice.

You were born in the darksome night to make us children of the light, to make us, in the realms divine, like your own angels round you shine.

All this for us your love has done; by this to you our love is won; for this our cheerful songs we raise and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

*...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.