

The Order for the Worship of God

December 26, 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!**)

Special Song *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Youth Choir

Prelude Judy Bailey

Call to Worship from Psalm 96

PASTOR: Ascribe the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring and offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

ALL: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Hymn #208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Almighty God, you have given your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin. Grant that we, who have been born again by the Holy Spirit and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Word and Spirit, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 205 *Away in a Manger* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Rev. Clay Holland

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: *Christmas: Historically Supernatural!* Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

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

Lord God Almighty, you graciously and generously fill our lives with many wonderful things. You bless us with friends, family, and wealth that most people in this world can’t even imagine. The gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is the best of all possible gifts. We confess today that we are prone to love your temporal gifts more than we love you and the gift you have given us in your only begotten Son, on whose blood we have trampled time and again. Yet, instead of receiving your wrath we receive grace upon grace. Teach us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, and to wait with eager expectation the second Advent our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn #207 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* 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.

GOOD NEWS: Judy Bailey and Tim Browning have both agreed to continue playing for our worship services in 2022. Thanks be to God!

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. They are also emailed to those who are unable to attend worship in person. The sermons may be accessed on the church website (see below).

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Andrew and Laura Kate Lupton (Bogota, Colombia)

Quentin and Karen Nantz (Psalm 78 Teachers)

Andrew and Trish Shank, RUF Western Carolina University (Cullowhee, NC)

Brian and Mandy Stock (South Asia)

Jonah and Jennifer – Pakistan

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels.

REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb: very God, begotten, not created. REFRAIN

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; glory to God in the highest. REFRAIN

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; REFRAIN.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes; but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

...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.