

The Order for the Worship of God

January 1, 2023

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 96

LEADER: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

ALL: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

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

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Holy Father, Son and Spirit, one God in three Persons forever, with joy we bow before you in worship on the first day of this New Year. We thank you for the blessings you have bestowed in the past year. We give thanks for sins forgiven, the hope of eternal life, the inheritance that is being kept in heaven for us that is unfading, imperishable, and undefiled. Accept the worship we offer today and every day throughout the year. May we live our lives for your glory, grow in your grace, and make you known to others. Amen.

*Hymn #30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Malachi 1

Sermon for New Year’s Day Ruling Elder Jorge F. de Carvalho

Silent Reflection and Prayer

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that

not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

(Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 1)

The beloved hymn “Amazing Grace” was written by John Newton in late December 1772 as he was preparing for a New Year’s Day sermon for 1773. When Newton, a former sea captain, wrote the lyrics of “Amazing Grace,” he could see himself as the “prodigal son” in his early life. His own father tried on several occasions to help him, but Newton was a hardened prodigal, a self-confessed “wretch” (a word he borrowed from Romans 7:24), distant from the heart of his father as well as the heart of God. Still, Newton discovered that God in Christ’s deep and abiding love does not give up on any of his chosen ones (Ephesians 2:1-10; Philippians 1:6).

Hymn #460 *Amazing Grace* words printed on back

Postlude Judy Bailey

Benediction

*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.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2023. Pick up a 5 Day plan on the table in the foyer. This Bible reading system allows you to read or re-read the entire Bible in one year while only reading five times a week. The Old Testament readings are placed as chronologically as possible (even the Psalms are read where they belong in Israel’s history when feasible). The one exception is the book of Job which is placed last in the Old Testament section. You might consider downloading the ESV Bible app to your PC, Mac or phone and then read and listen to the daily Bible readings simultaneously.

THANKS TO JORGE DE CARVALHO for leading and preaching in today’s service. Dr. and Mrs. Silman have been in Augusta to celebrate family birthdays. Dr. Silman will be in the pulpit next Sunday, Lord willing, and plans to begin a sermon series on the OT Book of Joshua.

THE LORD’S SUPPER WILL BE SERVED NEXT SUNDAY RATHER THAN TODAY.

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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 their 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**

OUR GOD, OUR HELP, IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved, how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come, ‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.

...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.