

The Order for the Worship of God

February 26, 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 57

PASTOR: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

ALL Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

*Hymn #55 *To God Be the Glory* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

You, O Lord, are great and greatly to be praised. Your universal glory is unsurpassed and we bow before you in reverent awe. Accept our worship on this your Day; may our songs and prayers arise before your throne as worthy expressions of heartfelt devotion, praise, contrition and love. You set your love on us long before the worlds were made, and although we broke covenant with you, you did not break your covenant promises to us. We celebrate the great things you have done to redeem us by the covenant obedience of Jesus. Renew and restore in us the divine image in which we were made but which has been marred by sin. We lift up our hearts and voices to you, our sovereign God and gracious Redeemer. Amen.

*Songbook #39 *O Great God* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Joshua 5:1-12

Sermon Series on Joshua #7 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

John Calvin writes (Institutes of the Christian Religion – 4.15.2) that baptism does not “intimate that our ablution and salvation are perfected by water, or that [it] possess in itself the virtue of purifying, regenerating, and renewing.” Neither is it “the cause of salvation, but only that the knowledge and certainty of such gifts are perceived in this sacrament.” Baptism confirms that those who have trusted in Christ alone are cleansed of sin and thus whose hearts have been circumcised by God. In Colossians 2:11-12 the Apostle Paul clearly links circumcision to baptism. Those who are baptized must be united to Christ by faith; adult converts profess that faith before baptism; their baptized children do so as soon as they are able, and must profess their faith before being admitted to the Lord’s Supper per 1 Corinthians 11:27-32.

“*I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*” This is the great promise of the covenant with Abraham and with all the true Israel. It is one of the most comprehensive and frequently repeated promises of the Scriptures. (**Gen. 17:8; Deut. 29:13; Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10**) There is unspeakably more in the promises of God than we are able to understand. The promise that the nations should be blessed in the seed of Abraham, as unfolded in the New Testament, is found to comprehend all the blessings of redemption. So, the promise, “*I will be their God, and they shall be My people,*” contains more than it has ever entered into the heart of man to conceive. How low are our conceptions of God! Of necessity our conceptions of what it is to have a God, and that God, Jehovah, must be entirely inadequate. It is not only to have an infinite protector and benefactor, but an infinite portion; an infinite object of love and confidence; an infinite source of knowledge and holiness. It is for God to be to us what He designed to be when He created us after His image, and filled us with His fulness. His people, are those whom He recognizes as His peculiar property, the objects of His love, and the recipients of His favors.” (Charles Hodge, *An Exposition of the Second Epistle to the Corinthians* (New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son, 1891), 170–171. Hodge is commenting on **2 Corinthians 6:16**)

Hymn #672 *Trust and Obey* [1,4, and 5] 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET AT 9:45 a.m. Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall and children in the west wing of the worship building.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FOR TEENS meets today at 5:30 p.m.

Women’s Study on the Book of Ruth led by Ellie Silman begins Tuesday, March 21st, 10:00 a.m. until Noon for five consecutive weeks concluding April 18th. Sign up for the study in the foyer.

Men’s Study of Covenant Theology will be a six-week DVD series by R.C. Sproul beginning Wednesday, March 22nd, 10:30 a.m. until Noon concluding April 26th. Sign up for the study in the foyer.

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son; who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God: the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus, forgiveness receives. **REFRAIN**

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **REFRAIN**

O GREAT GOD

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r. Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war. You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then your Spirit gave me life opened up your word to me through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me. (repeat underlined part)

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

REFRAIN: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. **REFRAIN**

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends, we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. **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.