

The Order for the Worship of God

March 12, 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 104

LEADER: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great, you are clothed with splendor and majesty. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

ALL: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul!

*Hymn #76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
(1, 3, and 5)

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*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

O Lord, our Lord, King of Heaven and earth, we praise your highly exalted name and incomparable glory. You alone are holy, together with your only Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, one God in three Persons. Show us your glory today in your Word of truth, in the songs of faith that we sing. May that glory be shown to others in our words and deeds as we endeavor to honor and obey you in all we do as we live by faith. Amen.

*Songbook #44

Speak O Lord

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Morning Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Larry Martin

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 12

Sermon

Merry Cosmic Christmas

Rev. Andrew Shank

Silent reflection and prayer

Hymn #92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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"If your heartache is for your own personal change, or for change in your marriage, or change in your prodigal children, or in your church, or in the systemic structures of injustice, or in the political system, or in the

hostilities among nations, or in the human degradation of the environment, or in the raunchiness of our entertainment culture, or in the miseries of the poor, or in the callous opulence of the rich, or in the inequities of educational opportunity, or in arrogant attitudes of ethnocentrism, or in a hundred areas of human need caused by some form of human greed— if your heart aches for any of these, then you should care supremely about the new birth. There are other ways of shaping culture and guiding behavior. But none so deep. None so far-reaching. None so universally relevant. None so eternally significant. Someday, at the return of the Lord Jesus, the world will be made new. The kingdom of God will come fully. Jesus Himself will be the great all-satisfying Treasure in that new and beautiful earth. But not everyone will enjoy it.

'Truly, truly,' Jesus said, 'unless one is born again, He cannot see the kingdom of God' ([John 3:3](#)). Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life ([John 14:6](#)). Until we come to Him, we will not have life. Not now. Not ever. God gives eternal life, and this life is in His Son ([1 John 5:11](#)). Whoever has the Son has life ([1 John 5:12](#)). His word is reliable: 'Come to Me that you may have life' ([John 5:40](#)). If you come, you will be truly, invincibly, finally alive.'

—John Piper, *Finally Alive: What Happens When We are Born Again* (Geanies House, Fearn, Scotland, UK: Christian Focus, 2009), 191-192.

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 a.m. 'til Noon for five consecutive weeks concluding April 18th. **Sign up for the study in the foyer.**

Men's study of Covenant Theology – A six-week DVD series by R.C. Sproul begins Wednesday, March 22nd – 10:30 a.m. 'til Noon concluding April 26th. **Sign up for the study in the foyer.**

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PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet. Your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him: you behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

SPEAK O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence , true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us; we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him, his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

...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.