

The Order for the Worship of God

May 14, 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 90

PASTOR: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.... Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

ALL: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us, yes, establish the work of our hands!

*Hymn #30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* words printed on back
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 7

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

O God, you are from everlasting to everlasting, the one true and living God. We your creatures rejoice in your lovingkindness and faithfulness to us, your sovereign providence and protection, your abundant provision of food, clothing, and shelter. Most of all we give thanks and praise for the numberless spiritual blessings that you have poured out upon us in and by your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we trust and by whose obedience and death we are assured of eternal life. Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit, who is at work in our lives by the Word enabling us to say “NO!” to sin, and “YES!” to those things in which you delight and have given us to guide and direct us through this earthly life. Amen.

*Hymn # 128 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Joshua 24:1-13

Sermon Series on Joshua #15 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

Joshua reminds the Israelites of what they once were: a people that were not God’s people. Abraham and his father Terah were moon worshipers. Ezekiel likewise points this out: “Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth are of the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite” (Ez. 16:3). No compliment to a Jew, certainly! Nevertheless, Ezekiel told the people, “That’s what you were. The only reason you are something else is that God in his grace reached down and did something with you.” God does not allow Christians, either, to go on in pride. He constantly reminds us of our heritage – a heritage of those who have turned aside from him.... Whether studying the Old Testament or the New, we are reminded that we are not where we are because of a long, wise and godly heritage. We come from rebellion. Individually, we are children of wrath. After we become Christians, we must look at others who are still under God’s wrath and always say, “I am essentially what you are. If I am in a different place, it is not because I am intrinsically better than you, but simply because God has done something in my life.” There is no place for pride. (Francis A. Schaeffer, Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History, pp. 205-206)

*Song *Standing on the Promises* words printed on back

Benediction

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.

HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY to all to whom God has given children. “Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him” (Psalm 127:3). May the Lord also give special comfort and peace to those unable to have children. “He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD” (Psalm 113:9).

WELCOMING RIDGE HAVEN SUMMER STAFF. Next Sunday we will welcome those who will be working at Ridge Haven Camp for the summer.

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.

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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.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure, sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

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

GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill, he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace; behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his works in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

REFRAIN: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. **REFRAIN**

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. **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.