

The Order for the Worship of God

August 27, 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 Psalm 63, p. 807 Trinity Hymnal

*Songbook #2 *As the Deer* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Our Father in Heaven, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer of sinners, we lift up our hearts and voices in praise to You, the God in whom we live, move, and have our being. We were created to know, love, and obey you – but since the Fall, we have been estranged, at enmity, and alienated from you. Thank you for sending your Son to be our Substitute in life and in death, to obey for us, die for us, rise again for us – so that we sinners may live before you as your beloved children to whom you have imputed the righteousness of Jesus. Amen.

Songbook #44 *Speak O Lord* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Larry Martin

Scripture Lesson Galatians 3:19-29

Sermon Series on Galatians #11 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

Law reveals sin but does not remove it. The Law proves that we are all sinners by nature and directs us to Christ! We so often think that we become sinners when we commit some sinful act. But it is because we are already sinners that we commit the act. We lie because we are liars. We steal because we are thieves. We do not become liars when we utter the lie. The Law only proves we are liars. The Law too was given to drive

us to Christ by showing us our need. The gospel tells us that Christ is the only One who can meet that need (see Galatians 3:23–4:11). Paul says the law was our “guardian” to shock us into a sense of our need of Christ so that we could be justified by faith in him (Galatians 3:24). God’s Law is not like the cruel and tyrannical schoolmaster of the past. His Law is not meant to always torment us. God’s Law is like the good teacher who trains children to find pleasure in doing the things they formerly detested. The Law really has a place in leading us into a Christian experience. Did you ever see a woman trying to sew without a needle? She would never make anything with only a thread. This is like God’s dealing with us. He puts the needle of the Law first, for we sleep so soundly in our own sins that we need to be aroused by something sharp. Then when he has the needle of the Law squarely in our hearts, he pulls through it a lifelong thread of gospel love and peace and joy. —**Henrietta Mears** Source: This content is from *What the Bible Is All About*, written by Henrietta Mears. Copyright © 1953,

*Hymn #141 *God, in the Gospel of His Son* 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.

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY – *Even Better Than Eden* (DVDs by Nancy Guthrie) begins this Tuesday, August 29th at 10:00 a.m. Books are available for purchase. See Denise Sawyer.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED: The Session is asking the congregation to submit nominations for the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon. Nominations are to be submitted no later than September 10. Nomination forms are available on a table in the foyer. The form must contain your signature AND the signature of the person being nominated for office, thereby giving his consent to be trained and to serve if approved by the session and elected by the congregation. Before making a nomination for either office, please access the following link and read the pertinent chapter in the PCA Book of Church Order (24-1). <https://www.pcaac.org/uploads/2021/08/BC...> Thanks!

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AS THE DEER

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

REFRAIN: You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. **REFRAIN**

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. **REFRAIN**

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 height 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.

GOD, IN THE GOSPEL OF HIS SON

God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known, where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his grace, and learn his name; may read, in characters of blood, the wisdom, pow'r and grace of God.

The pris'ner here may break his chains; the weary rest from all his pains; the captive feel his bondage cease; the mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes a brighter world beyond the skies; here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord, to read and mark your holy Word; its truths with meekness to receive, and by its holy precepts live.

...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.