

The Order for the Worship of God

September 10, 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 84, p. 814 Trinity Hymnal

*Hymn #371 *O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely* words printed on back

Hymn Tune: LANCASHIRE (stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Almighty, infinite Father, we rejoice this morning in your love and faithfulness to us, your often wayward and ungrateful children. We are yours by redemption and adoption; nothing can separate us from your paternal provision and sovereign watch-care. Thank you for sending Jesus to be our Substitute in life and death. Thank you that because you raised him from the dead, we too shall be raised. Thank you for the Spirit of Adoption by which we call you “Abba, Father!” Accept the worship of your adoring, adopted children. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Songbook #56 *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Galatians 3:23-4:7

Sermon Series on Galatians #13 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

“For since to redeem us, two things were most especially required — the acquisition of salvation and the application of the same; the endurance of death for satisfaction and victory over the same for the enjoyment

of life — our mediator ought to be God-man...to accomplish these things: man to suffer, God to overcome; man to receive the punishment we deserved, God to endure and drink it to the dregs; man to acquire salvation for us by dying, God to apply it to us by overcoming; man to become ours by the assumption of flesh, God to make us like himself by the bestowal of the Spirit. This neither a mere man nor God alone could do. For neither could God alone be subject to death, nor could man alone conquer it. Man alone could die for men; God alone could vanquish death. Both natures, therefore, should be associated that in both conjoined, both the highest weakness of humanity might exert itself for suffering and the highest power and majesty of the divinity might exert itself for the victory.” [Francis Turretin (1623-87), *Institutes of Elenctic Theology*, XIII, iii, xix.]

What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. But cannot this be said of every person, Christian or not? Emphatically no! The idea that all are children of God is not found in the Bible anywhere... Sonship to God is not, therefore, a universal status which everyone enters by natural birth, but a supernatural gift which one receives through receiving Jesus.... “*To those who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God....*” [J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, pp. 200-201]

*Hymn #701 *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!* words printed on back

Postlude Judy Bailey

Benediction

*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

WELCOME TO ALL and a warm greeting in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET AT 9:45 a.m. Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Tom Osterhaus is currently teaching through the Book of Romans.

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY – *Even Better Than Eden* (DVDs by Nancy Guthrie) continues this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

LAST DAY FOR SUBMITTING OFFICER NOMINATIONS: 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.

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O LORD OF HOSTS, HOW LOVELY

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely the place where thou dost dwell! Thy tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel. My soul is longing, fainting Jehovah's courts to see; my heart and flesh are crying O living God for thee.

Blest who thy house inhabit, they ever give thee praise; blest all whom thou dost strengthen, who love the sacred ways. So, they from strength unwearied go forward unto strength, till they appear in Zion before the Lord at length.

Our sun and shield, Jehovah, will grace and glory give; no good will he deny them that uprightly do live. O God of hosts, Jehovah, how blest is ev'ryone who confidence reposes on thee, O Lord, alone.

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend; who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace: You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way; oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

REFRAIN: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore; You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for; oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne; oh, we're falling before Your throne. **REFRAIN**

REDEEMED, HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT!

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed thro' his infinite mercy his child and forever I am.

REFRAIN: Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, his child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell; I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell. **REFRAIN**

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long; I sing, for I cannot be silent, his love is the theme of my song. **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.