

## *The Order for the Worship of God*

November 19, 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 39

PASTOR: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

**ALL: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.**

\*Hymn #521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* words printed on back

\*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

**Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – one eternal God in three Persons, we confess that we are sinners in need of your tender mercy, and we rejoice that you have not dealt with us as our sins deserve but have made us your very own by the obedience, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us and paid in full the price of all our sins. We thank and praise you that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love for us in Christ. Amen.**

Hymn #523 *My Hope Is in the Lord* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Galatians 5:13-15

Sermon on Galatians #20 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

Paul’s language in Galatians 5:13–15 addresses the idea of serving one another through this lens of gospel freedom. According to the old hymn, Jesus has “hushed the law’s loud thunder; he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame.” Jesus satisfied all that God demands: perfect righteousness. But Jesus also yielded Himself up in a loving sacrificial death upon another trembling mountain—

Calvary. There He served our death sentence. There He fought for us and won our freedom and our hearts. And it was there that He taught us how to serve one another—in love. Simply put: we are to love and serve one another because we have been first loved and served by Christ Himself. (Eric Watkins, Tabletalk, February 25, 2016)

And remember, we can only love if we are free. That is, love is motivated by the joy of sharing our fullness, not by the desire to fill our emptiness. Is it a coincidence that verse 15 describes what wild animals do when they are starving, not when they are filled (empty instead of content)? “If you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another.” When you are not filled with God, it is sweet to eat your enemy. But, brothers and sisters, God has called us to the freedom of fullness which overflows in love, not to the slavery of emptiness which bites and devours and is never satisfied. In Jesus Christ, God offers us forgiveness, daily help and guidance, and hope for the greatest future imaginable. And it is all free, purchased by the death of Jesus, received by faith alone. The secret of love is freedom, and the secret of freedom is utter confidence in the love of God. (John Piper, Sermon, June 12, 1983)

\*Hymn #530 *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude Judy Bailey

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

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS TO ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord by His Word and Spirit minister to you and may His people warmly welcome you who have come to worship Him in spirit and truth.**

**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 Philippians.

**INQUIRERS’/NEWOMERS’ CLASSES conclude this morning during the Sunday School hour in classroom #6.**

**THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** featuring Judy Bailey, harpist and pianist. The service will be at 5:00 p.m. The Sunday morning service will be held as usual. Bring your visiting family and friends to this very special service which will include: singing familiar carols by candlelight, and a message of hope from God’s word by Dr. Silman.

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## MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**REFRAIN:** On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **REFRAIN**

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **REFRAIN**

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. **REFRAIN**

## MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me, and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

**REFRAIN:** For me ... he died, for me ... he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

No merit of my own his anger to suppress, my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. **REFRAIN**

And now for me he stands before the Father's throne. He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own. **REFRAIN**

His grace has paid it all, 'tis mine but to believe, and recognize his work of love and Christ receive. **REFRAIN**

## LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart. (Repeat) In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart. (Repeat) In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart. (Repeat) In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart. (Repeat) In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*...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.