

## *The Order for the Worship of God*

November 26, 2023

11:00 a.m.

### **“All Praise and Thanks to God!”**

*“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 Tim Browning

Call to Worship Psalm 100

PASTOR: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

**ALL: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

PASTOR: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**ALL: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn #715 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* words printed on back

\*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

**Almighty God, we joyfully sing our songs of praise and thanks to you, the God who made heaven and earth by the word of his power; and who by the same all-powerful word sustains the world and everything in it. We are thankful for our lives, our families, your Word of truth by which you order our steps and enrich our lives. We are thankful for your promise to keep us throughout this life and bring us at last into the new heavens and the new earth in which we shall dwell with you our Keeper, and with Jesus Christ our King and Friend, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Counselor, one God in three Persons forever. Amen.**

\*Song *Thanks to God for My Redeemer* (Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL) words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Scripture Lesson Galatians 5:16-18

Sermons on Galatians # 21 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

*“The true Christian is the only happy man because he can sit down quietly and think about his soul. He can look behind him ... [think of how unhinged so many people are because of their past] He can think calmly about things to come [think of how many are undone by their worries about the future], and yet not be afraid. Sickness is painful; death is solemn; the Judgment Day is an awful thing: but having Christ for him, he has nothing to fear. He can think calmly about the Holy God, whose eyes are on all his ways, and feel ‘He is my Father — I am weak, I am unprofitable; yet in Christ he regards me as His dear child, and is well pleased.’ Oh, what a ... privilege it is to be able to think and not be afraid.”* Bishop J.C. Ryle

*“It is the grace of the Gospel, which is so hard for the pious to understand, that it confronts us with the truth and says: You are a sinner, a great, desperate sinner; now come, as the sinner that you are, to God who loves you. He wants you as you are; He does not want anything from you, a sacrifice, a work; He wants you alone. ‘My son, give me thine heart’ (Prov. 23:26). God has come to you to save the sinner. Be glad! This message is liberation through truth. You can hide nothing from God. The mask you wear before men will do you no good before Him. He wants to see you as you are, He wants to be gracious to you. You do not have to go on lying to yourself and your brothers, as if you were without sin; you can dare to be a sinner. **Thank God for that.**”* Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together* (New York: Harper & Row, 1954), 110-11.

Hymn # 98 *Now Thank We All Our God* words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude Tim Browning

\*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. **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FOR TEENS** – meets today @ 5:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. Judy Bailey will be playing the harp and piano for the evening candlelight service which will be a festive service and a wonderful time to invite family and friends.

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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## COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in free from sorrow, free from sin; there forever purified in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

## THANKS TO GOD FOR MY REDEEMER

Thanks to God for my Redeemer, thanks for all you do provide! Thanks for times now but a mem'ry, thanks for Jesus by my side! Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime, thanks for dark and stormy fall! Thanks for tears by now forgotten, thanks for peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that you have answered, thanks for what you do deny! Thanks for storms that I have weathered, thanks for all you do supply! Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure, thanks for comfort in despair! Thanks for grace that none can measure, thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside, thanks for thorns their stems contain! Thanks for home and thanks for fireside, thanks for hope, that sweet refrain! Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow, thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee! Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, thanks through all eternity!

## NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven – the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*...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.