

*The Order for the Worship of God*  
*First Sunday of Advent*

December 3, 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 *Two French Carols.* arr. Brant Adams  
Judy Bailey, Piano, Norm Malenke, cello

Call to Worship for Advent

PASTOR: Let our hearts be filled with joy as we await the coming of our Lord,

**ALL: Let us watch for Him who heard our cries and shouldered our sins,**

PASTOR: Let us eagerly wait for the day when all things will be made new

**ALL: Let us long in expectation for the day when the glory of the Lord shall be revealed in all its splendor and all things shall be made new!**

\*Advent Hymn *Savior of the Nations Come* words printed on back

\*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

**Eternal God and most merciful Father, the world in which we live is in dire need of re-creation! We thank you for making a promise to send a Savior who will crush the head of Satan, and to make all things new. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, now at work in this world, giving life to those dead in trespasses and sins and remaking them after the likeness of Jesus. Come again for your church, Lord Jesus, and make all things new! Even so, come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.**

\* Hymn # 329 *Come, O Creator Spirit Blest* words printed on back  
Hymn Tune: WALTHAM – (stanzas 1, 4, and 6)

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World John Rowe

Scripture Lesson Galatians 5:19-21

Sermon on Galatians #22 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent reflection and prayer

“Amid the storms of your little existence– the sins and sufferings, the failure and faltering, the waywardness and wandering– Jesus is going to walk you right into heaven. He is not just with you. He is in you, and you in Him. His destiny now falls on you. His union with you at both the macro and micro levels guarantees your eventual glory and rest and calm. You may as well question gravity as question the certainty of what your union with Him means for your final future. So, consider the darkness that remains in your life. The spiritual lethargy. The habitual sin. The deep-seated resentment. That place in your life where you feel most defeated. Our sins loom large. They seem so insurmountable. But Christ and your union with Him loom larger still. As far as sin in your life reaches, Christ and your union with Him reach further. As deep as your failure goes, Christ and your union with Him go deeper still. As strong as your sin feels, the bond of your oneness with Jesus Christ is stronger still. Live the rest of your life mindful of your union with the prince of heaven. Rest in the knowledge that your sins and failures can never kick you out of Christ. Let an ever-deepening awareness of your union with Him strengthen your resistance to sin.... When you sin, don’t give up. Let Him pick you up and put you on your feet again with fresh dignity. He lifts your chin, looks you in the eye, and defines your existence: “you in Me, and I in you” (**John 14:20**).” –Dane Ortland, *Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2021), 66-67.

The Lord’s Supper

\*Songbook #21 *In Christ Alone* words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude Tim Browning

\*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.**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER.** Invited to the Lord’s Supper are all baptized believers, who are trusting in the obedience, death and resurrection of Jesus for salvation and who are members in good standing of any evangelical church. Please hold the bread until all have been served so that we may partake together; likewise, the cup.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS at 9:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Tom Osterhaus is currently teaching through the Book of Philippians. **OFFICER TRAINING CLASS** is held in Classroom #6.

**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.

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**SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME** - Author: St. Ambrose of Milan; English Translator: William M. Reynolds; German Translator: Martin Luther Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

1) Savior of the nations, come;  
virgin's Son, make here Thy home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
that the Lord chose such a birth.

2) Not by human flesh and blood,  
but the Spirit of our God,  
was the Word of God made flesh -  
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

3) Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child  
of the virgin undefiled!  
Tho' by all the world disowned,  
still to be in heav'n enthroned.

4) From the Father forth He came  
and returneth to the same,  
captive leading death and hell-  
High the song of triumph swell!

5) Thou, the Father's only Son,  
hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;  
when shall we its glories see?

7) Praise to God the Father, sing  
Praise to God, the Son, our King  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
ever and eternally.

**COME, O CREATOR SPIRIT BLEST – Hymn Tune: WALTHAM**

Come, O Creator Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up your rest; Spirit of grace, with heav'nly aid,  
come to the souls whom you have made.

Make our dull minds with rapture glow, let human hearts with love o'erflow; and when our feeble flesh  
would fail, may your immortal strength prevail.

Show us the Father, Holy One, help us to know th'eternal Son; Spirit divine, forevermore, you will we  
trust and you adore.

### **IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my song. This cornerstone, this solid  
ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, when depths of peace, when  
fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fulness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand. Till  
He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*...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.