

The Order for the Worship of God

December 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

“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 taken from Genesis 49:10, Matthew 2:6, 8:27 and 14:33

PASTOR: “The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until He comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is His.”

ALL: “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

PASTOR: “And the disciples marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, the even winds and sea obey him?” “Those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.””

*Hymn #194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Almighty God, you promised to send One from the tribe of Judah who would hold in his hand the scepter by which he would rule and reign over all the nations. You sent your Son, Jesus, who with that scepter as with an iron rod struck Satan with a mortal blow. We pray that by your Word and Spirit Christ’s rule would be firmly established in us; that our sin would be put to death, and Christlikeness be more and more evident in our lives. May we, as do the wind and waves, worship and obey him who is truly the Son of God. Amen.

*Hymn #101 *Come, Thou Almighty King* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Galatians 5:22-26

Sermons on Galatians # 23 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

CHRISTMASTIDE
Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Love came down at Christmas, Love, all lovely, Love Divine; Love was born at Christmas, Star and Angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love Incarnate, Love Divine; Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

Hymn # 529 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* words printed on back

Postlude Tim Browning

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. **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FOR TEENS** meets today at 5:30 p.m. **OFFICER TRAINING – Classroom #6 at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 a.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.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE: as of December 4th, **24 Faith Promises (up from 17 last year) have been received for a total faith offering of \$25,434.00 for 2024. The goal of \$25,000 has been exceeded, to God be the glory, thanks, and praise!**

THREE NEW MEMBERS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SESSION last Sunday: Hennie and Joan Pretorius, and Jeff Williams. All three have been regularly participating in the worship of Cornerstone and are now communing members by transfer of letter from other churches. Please welcome them. If you are interested in membership, please see the pastor.

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O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here; until the Son of God appear.

REFRAIN: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. **REFRAIN**

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **REFRAIN**

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. **REFRAIN**

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home, make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. **REFRAIN**

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down: fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest: take away the love of sinning: Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

...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.