

The Order for the Worship of God

December 31, 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 90

PASTOR: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. The years of our life are seventy; or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. So, teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

ALL: Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our day.... Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

*Hymn #30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* words printed on back
(stanzas 1-3, 6 and &)

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Triune God, you are from everlasting to everlasting, without beginning and without end. You are unchangeable in your wisdom, power, holiness, justice and truth. You are the God in whom we live, move, and have our being. On this last day of the year, we have come to worship you, the God who sent his one and only Son into this world to redeem us by his precious blood. We give thanks that you are ever and always with us, working together all things for your glory and our salvation. Accept our songs of praise, our prayers, our tithes and offerings, our very lives because by grace through faith in Jesus, we are yours forever. Amen.

*Hymn #219 *All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5)

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

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:22-38

Sermon *Seeing, Savoring and Sharing the Savior* Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

PRAISE TO GOD FOR SALVATION

Late have I loved thee, O thou Eternal Truth and Goodness: late have I sought thee, my Father! But thou didst seek me, and when thou shinedst forth upon me, then I knew thee and learnt to love thee. I thank thee, O my Light, that thou didst thus shine upon me; that thou didst teach my soul what thou wouldst be to me, and didst incline thy face in pity unto me. Thou, Lord, hast become my hope, my comfort, my strength, my all! In thee doth my soul rejoice. The darkness vanished from before mine eyes, and I beheld thee, the sun of righteousness. When I loved darkness, I knew thee not, but wandered on from night to night. But thou didst lead me out of that blindness; thou didst take me by the hand and call me to thee, and now I can thank thee, and thy mighty voice which hath penetrated to my inmost heart. Amen. (Augustine of Hippo, A.D. 254-430)

*Hymn #224 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude Judy Bailey

*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. **OFFICER TRAINING – Pastor’s Study, Wednesday, January 3rd – 10:30 a.m.**

HOW TO FOLLOW YOUR CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFT BOX: Go to: Samaritanspurse.org and click on “Track my shoebox.” Then under “follow your box” enter your email, then click on “submit.”

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OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne, your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

ALL PRAISE TO THEE, ETERNAL LORD

All praise to thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood; choosing a manger for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine alone.

Once did the skies before thee bow; a virgin's arms contain thee now; angels who did in thee rejoice now listen for thine infant voice.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light, to make us, in the realms divine, like thine own angels round thee shine.

All this for us thy love has done, by this to thee our love is won; for this we tune our cheerful laws, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **REFRAIN**

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth rang out the angels' chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **REFRAIN**

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **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.