

The Order for the Worship of God

February 11, 2024

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 Tim Browning

Call to Worship from Psalm 57

PASTOR: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings, I will take refuge; till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

ALL: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

*Songbook #39 *O Great God* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in three Persons forever. We humble ourselves before you, the high, holy and exalted Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer, whose glory fills the earth as the waters cover the sea. We take refuge in the shadow of your wings and rejoice that you protect us from the evils within and without. Thank you that because of the cross, nothing in our past can keep us from receiving every future blessing, including your promise to make everything new, even us human beings ruined by the fall. Thanks be to Thee, O God! Amen.

*Scripture Song *Be Exalted O God Above the Heavens* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Paul Sawyer

Scripture Lesson Luke 23:33-34

Sermon Series on Words of Jesus from the Cross #1 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

God could say, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God could say, “Let there be vegetation,” and there was vegetation. God could say, “Let there be sun, moon, and stars,” and there were sun, moon, and stars (Genesis 1). But he couldn’t just say, “Let there be forgiveness.” That’s simply not the way forgiveness works. God created the world in an instant and it was a beautiful process. He re-created the world on the cross – and it was a horrible process. That’s how it works. Love that really changes things and redeems things is always a substitutionary sacrifice.... (Tim Keller, King’s Cross, pp. 144)

To be Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. This is hard. It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single great injury. But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily life—to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son—how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us.” We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it is to refuse God’s mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says. *C.S. Lewis*, The Weight of Glory (pp. 135-136)

“We are to forgive others as you’ve forgiven us, Jesus—period (.), end of sentence. It’s that simple, messy, daily, and as costly. The Gospel doesn’t call us to be floor mats others get to wipe their feet on, as they proceed to walk all over us. *No...* our calling is *more costly* than that. We are to be *grace-portals* through which repeat offenders (family members, friends, strangers—even enemies) are invited into a realm, a dominion, a province most of us know little about: your kingdom which is now our permanent address.” (Prayer by Scotty Smith)

*Songbook #51 *Victory in Jesus* 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** meets this afternoon at 5:30.

BOOK STUDY FOR MEN continues Wednesday, February 14th at 10:30 a.m. Christianity & Liberalism by J. Gresham Machen. **Get your free PDF copy from monergism.com.**

MEN’S LUNCH AT NOON this Wednesday after the study. PLEASE SIGN UP in the Foyer for a headcount.

DVD STUDY FOR WOMEN “Saints and Scoundrels” by Nancy Guthrie begins this Thursday, February 15th at 10:00 a.m. Ladies, sign up in the foyer.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow immediately after the worship service next Sunday to elect officers. Nominees examined and approved by the session: John Decker (ruling elder) and Paul Gerchak (deacon).

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O GREAT GOD

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r. Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war. You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me.

BE EXALTED, O GOD, ABOVE THE HEAVENS

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples.
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations. For Thy stead-fast love is great, is great to the heavens; and Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be ex-alt-ed, O God, above the heavens; Let Thy glory be over all the earth. Be ex-alt-ed, O God, above the heavens; Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

(Repeat once more.)

VICTORY IN JESUS

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory; how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

REFRAIN: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me, with his redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing pow'r revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see. And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. **REFRAIN**

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing, and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. **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.