

The Order for the Worship of God

April 14, 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 Judy Bailey

Call to Worship from Revelation 22

PASTOR: “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

ALL: The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And “let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires to take the water of life without price.”

*Hymn #167 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all (based on Psalm 63:1)

Almighty God, we earnestly search for you; our souls thirst for you; our entire bodies long for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. We are drained by life’s demands, difficulties, and disappointments. We come to you for spiritual refreshment, for renewal of hope, for strengthening of faith. We come to listen to your Word of truth, share our lives and concerns with you, knowing that your river of delights will satisfy our thirst. We claim the promise Jesus made to the woman at the well: “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” Amen.

*Songbook #14 *God of Grace* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 54 and 55

Sermon *Surprising Grace* Rev. Andrew Shank

Silent Reflection and Prayer

God Invites and Commands Us Now to Receive the Good News of the Gospel with a Full and Confident Faith (55:1–13) *Isaiah appeals to us, that we come and satisfy ourselves freely in Christ, for his victory over this world will be our victory (vv. 1–5). We need not deserve him, for his fullness is free to all who thirst (v. 1; cf. Rev 22:17). But we must come to him. And why would we hold back? The promises of this world leave us empty, but the gospel spreads before us an endless feast (v. 2). In fact, God welcomes all comers into “an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David” (v. 3). That is the everlasting kingdom of Jesus, the true and better David, our Messiah (cf. Acts 13:32–39). God will never revoke this covenant with his people, for their sin is covered in it and their glory guaranteed by it. Two great certainties flow from the covenant. “Behold,” the destiny of Jesus is to rule the world (v. 4). “Behold,” God will make sure his rule will be welcomed throughout the world (v. 5). Let us keep our hopes fixed there.* (Online Commentary on Isaiah by Ray Ortlund, The Gospel Coalition)

*Songbook #10 *Come to the Waters* 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.

WELCOME TO REV. ANDREW SHANK, campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship (PCA) at Western Carolina University. Andrew is married to Trish and they have three beautiful daughters: Sophie, Maggie and Emmaline. Andrew, in his seventh year at Western, has been used of the Lord in the lives of increasing numbers of students, those who have come to faith in Christ and those who have grown in their faith. Cornerstone financially supports RUF ministries at Western and Appalachian State Universities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETS AT 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – “Saints and Scoundrels” (DVDs by Nancy Guthrie) continues on Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN’S DVD STUDY – “Truth and Consequences” by Dr. Al Mohler, Jr., president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY will commence Wednesday May 8th and conclude June 5th. Time: 10:30 a.m. ‘til Noon in the Fellowship Hall

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WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised. Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised. Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

GOD OF GRACE

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free; Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul: His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began; sent my Savior down from heaven: perfect God and perfect Man. God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own. Ev'ry day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded cleansed, forgiven and secure. All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure. God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see your face; and forever I'll adore you in your everlasting grace.

COME TO THE WATERS

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty; drink from the Fountain that never runs dry. Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy, life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows from the city, forth from the throne of the Father and Son. Jesus, the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply." Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money; buy what is given without any cost. Jesus, the gracious One, welcomes the weary; Jesus, the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor; stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim. Jesus is such a compassionate Savior. Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation. God has provided an end to sin's strife. Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation? Take the free gift of the water of life.

*...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.