

The Order for the Worship of God

April 21, 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 Genesis 1:1; Psalm 19:1; Colossians 1:16-18; Psalm 95:6-7a

PASTOR: (Gen. 1:1) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Ps. 19:1) The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. (Col. 1:16-18) For by him (Christ Jesus) all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

ALL: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn #97 *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

God of grace and glory, Creator and Sustainer of the expansive universe: we come with boldness and gladness into your holy, exalted presence in the name and merit of your Son, the Word who became flesh and lived for a while among us. We marvel that the Creator assumed the human frailty of his creatures; the Eternal One entered time; the all-powerful One made himself vulnerable; the all-holy One exposed himself to temptation; and the immortal One died so that we who were dead in trespasses and sins might be forgiven and made alive. We lift up our hearts and voices in praise and thanks. May our worship be acceptable and pleasing, for we ask it in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word. Amen.

*Hymn #100 *Holy, Holy, Holy* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson John 1:1-18

Sermon Series on John #2

Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

“Christ is a *Saviour*. He did not come on earth to be a conqueror, or a philosopher, or a mere teacher of morality. He came to save sinners. He came to do that which man could never do for himself,—to do that which money and learning can never obtain,—to do that which is essential to man’s real happiness,—He came to ‘take away sin.’ Christ is a *complete Saviour*. He ‘taketh away sin.’ He did not merely make vague proclamations of pardon, mercy, and forgiveness. He ‘took’ our sins upon Himself, and carried them away. He allowed them to be laid upon Himself, and ‘bore them in His own body on the tree.’ (1 Pet. 2:24.) The sins of every one that believes on Jesus are made as though they had never been sinned at all. The Lamb of God has taken them clean away. Christ is an *almighty Saviour*, and a *Saviour for all mankind*. He ‘taketh away the sin of the world.’ He did not die for the Jews only, but for the Gentile as well as the Jew. He did not suffer for a few persons only, but for all mankind. The payment that He made on the cross was more than enough to make satisfaction for the debts of all. The blood that He shed was precious enough to wash away the sins of all. His atonement on the cross was sufficient for all mankind, though efficient only to them that believe. The sin that He took up and bore on the cross was the sin of the whole world.” –J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John, Vol. 1* (Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 1869/2012), 40-41. Ryle is commenting on John 1:29-34.

*Hymn #181 *We Come, O Christ, to You* 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 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 23rd 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.

MONTHLY AFTER CHURCH LUNCHEON – next Sunday. Our hostess has requested that you bring a main dish **AND/OR** a salad or dessert to share. Thanks!

YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2023 are available for pickup in the foyer for those interested. Thanks be to the Lord for His financial provision last year.

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WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator, in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you; through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, escape you will make us, and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer, to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us; to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy, there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man, by whom all things consist, in whom all life began; in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid; in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the Living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you, the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live the more abundant life that earth can never give: O risen Lord! We live in you; in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King, to you our minds and strength adoringly we bring: so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

...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.