

The Order for the Worship of God

May 12, 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 Sicilienne Gabriel Faure
Judy Bailey, piano and Norm Malenke, cello

Call to Worship from Ezekiel 36, Jeremiah 31, Matthew 11:28, John 6

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules ... and I will deliver you from all your uncleanness ... on that day I will cleanse you from all your iniquities.... For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jesus said: “Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” “This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life.”

*Spiritual Song *Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all

God of all grace, we are weak and forgetful people. We are easily distracted by the joys and sorrows of our lives. We have great thoughts of you one moment, yet forget your kindness and live as though we had no hope the next. Forgive us. Jesus, thank you for clinging to us, even though we let go of you repeatedly. You never forgot your earthly mission but faithfully lived and died in our place and for our salvation. Holy Spirit, you have given us spiritual life even when we were dead in trespasses and sins and gifted us with saving faith. Produce in us a faith that is stronger and more assured by making Jesus our greatest hope and all our glory. Help us hold fast to the gospel: to cherish it in our weakness and to profess its power when we stand strong. We pray in the Name above all others. Amen.

*Songbook #18 *Holy Spirit* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson John 3:1-36

Sermon Series on John #5

Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Once we had no delight in God, and Christ was just a vague historical figure. What we enjoyed was food and friendships and productivity and investments and vacations and hobbies and games and reading and shopping and sex and sports and art and TV and travel ... but not God. He was an idea – even a good one – and a topic for discussion; but he was not a treasure of delight. Then something miraculous happened. It was like the opening of the eyes of the blind during the golden dawn. First, the stunned silence before the unspeakable beauty of holiness. Then a shock and terror that we had actually loved the darkness. Then the settling stillness of joy that this is the soul’s end. The quest is over. We would give anything if we might be granted to live in the presence of this glory forever and ever. And then, faith – the confidence that Christ has made a way for me, a sinner, to live in his glorious fellowship forever, the confidence that if I come to God through Christ, he will give me the desire of my heart to share his holiness and behold his glory. But before the confidence comes the craving. Before decision comes delight. (John Piper’s description of conversion or the new birth in Desiring God, 1986 Multnomah Press, pp. 53-54)

*Hymn #604 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 5, and 6)

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) concludes on Tuesday, May 14th 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 continue this Wednesday May 15th. Time: 10:30 a.m. ‘til Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

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COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY (BEACH SPRING)

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, Lost and ruined by the fall; If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. He is able, He is able, He is able doubt no more. He is able, He is able, He is willing doubt no more.

Lo! th' incarnate God ascended, Pleads the merit of His blood: Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude. Not the righteous, not the righteous, but us sinners Jesus calls. Not the righteous, not the righteous, but us sinners Jesus calls.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him. He will save you; He will save you, 'tis the Gospel's constant theme. He will save you; He will save you, 'tis the Gospel's constant theme.

HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see, give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing, your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

At last, the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks, and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ, your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks, and sing.

*...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.