

The Order for the Worship of God

July 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 from Psalm 95

PASTOR: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker;

ALL: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Hymn # 302 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer to be prayed in unison by all:

Heavenly Father, many of us have come to worship with troubled hearts and minds; fearful about our relationships, our health, our finances, our families, our futures, and so many other things. We find it hard to believe that you truly love us. Forgive us. Jesus, we thank you that you persevered through far greater pain and suffering than we can imagine. Thank you that you are the Resurrection and the Life, who rose from the dead, who has gone before us to heaven, and who will come back to take us to be with you forever. Holy Spirit, help us to believe that by virtue of our union with Jesus we have been raised to newness of life. Give us joy and peace as we face the broken world in which we live, including the last enemy – death itself. Help us to live with great confidence in the sufficiency of your grace to us in Jesus Christ, who lived, died and rose again for our salvation and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Spiritual Song *Jesus Wept!* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson John 11

Sermon Series on John’s Gospel #12 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

In John’s gospel seven times Jesus identifies himself as “I am....” In Exodus 3:14 God identified himself to Moses as “I AM WHO I AM.” In Judaism, “I AM” (*Yahweh*) is understood as a name for God. Five times in this gospel Jesus will say “I am” after which he will use a metaphor by which to identify himself as God. (1) “I am the Bread of Life” – John 6. (2) “I am the Light of the world” – John 8 & 9. (3) “I am the Door” – John 10. (4) “I am the Good Shepherd” – John 10. (5) “I am the Resurrection and the Life” – John 11. (6) “I am the True Vine” – John 15. Two other times Jesus uses the phrase “I am” to equate himself with God without the use of metaphors. (6) “Before Abraham was, I am” – John 8. There is no doubt that the Jews understood Jesus’ claim to be the eternal God incarnate, because they took up stones to kill Him (verse 59). When the mob came to arrest Jesus in Gethsemane, they said: “Jesus of Nazareth?” to which he replied: (7) “I am he” – John 18. Those who had come to arrest him, drew back and fell to the ground. Jesus’ surrender was entirely voluntary.

“Our Lord Jesus Christ never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His heart is still as compassionate as when He was upon earth. His sympathy with sufferers is still as strong. Let us bear this in mind, and take comfort in it. There is no friend or comforter who can be compared to Christ. In all our days of darkness, which must needs be many, let us first turn for consolation to Jesus the Son of God. He will never fail us, never disappoint us, never refuse to take interest in our sorrows. He lives, who made the widow’s heart sing for joy in the gate of Nain. He lives, to receive all laboring and heavy-laden ones, if they will only come to Him by faith. He lives, to heal the broken-hearted, and be a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. And He lives to do greater things than these one day. He lives to come again to His people, that they may weep no more at all, and that all tears may be wiped from their eyes.” –J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on Luke* (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1879), 1: 209-210. Ryle is commenting on Luke 7:11-17.

“The body shall rise again. We are not so sure to rise out of our beds as we are to rise out of our graves.” –Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Christian Classics Ethereal Library, 2002), p. 218.

*Hymn 164 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 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.

CATERED LUNCHEON AFTER CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY – July 28th. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend and indicate your willingness to bring a dessert.

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COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing *Alleluia! Amen!* Loud praise to Christ our King; *Alleluia! Amen!* Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice, *Alleluia! Amen!*

Come, lift your hearts on high, *Alleluia! Amen!* Let praises fill the sky: *Alleluia! Amen!* He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Praise yet our Christ again, *Alleluia! Amen!* Life shall not end the strain, *Alleluia! Amen!* On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

JESUS WEPT! Hymn tune: IRBY Lyrics: John Ross MacDuff

Jesus wept! Those tears are over, but his heart is still the same; kinsmen, friend, and elder brother, is his everlasting name. Savior, who can love like Thee, gracious One of Bethany?

When the pangs of trial seize me, when the waves of sorrow roll, I will lay my head on Jesus, refuge of the troubled soul. Surely, none can feel like Thee, weeping One of Bethany!

Jesus wept! And still in glory he can mark each mourner's tear; loving to retrace the story of the hearts he solaced here; Lord, when I am called to die, let me think of Bethany.

Jesus wept! That tear of sorrow is a legacy of love; yesterday, today, tomorrow, he the same doth ever prove Thou are all in all to me, Living One of Bethany.

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

...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.