

The Order for the Worship of God

April 20, 2025
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 and Jill Plemmons

Call to Worship from Psalm 16

PASTOR: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
ALL: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Hymn #277 Christ the Lord is Risen Today words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, by raising the body of your Son Jesus from the dead you defanged death. When you raised him from death, you confirmed your promise to make all things new - including us, for whose salvation Jesus died and rose again! God of glory and grace, all creation gives you praise; we, whom you have redeemed by the all-sufficient sacrifice of your Son, adore you for giving us life when we were dead in trespasses and sins. Grant that we may live in newness of life by the power of your Spirit until the day comes when we, too, are raised from the dead – saved to sin no more. To you, O God, hosanna and praise for Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! AMEN!

*Hymn #276 Up from the Grave He Arose words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Sermon for Easter Sunday Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

“A crucified man, still bearing the scars of His execution, appears in a garden to Mary, walks through doors, eats fish with His disciples, claims to have inherited all authority in heaven and on earth. When the angel descends from heaven, women become braver than soldiers; the dead livelier than the living; the cross more potent than all the weapons man can produce. Men have always dreamed of a new beginning. They have always wished that time could be run in reverse and we could have a new start on the sorry spectacle of history. Those who pursue that dream usually end up with more of the same, only worse. They end up entrenching Death’s power even more securely. The old week of human history ended in a cross, and the dream of going back to Day One has ended with guillotines and Gulags. But that sobering reality should not lead to despair. We cannot reverse time, return to Eden, and make sure that this time round Adam stays clear of that tree until it is time. Earth cannot start earth’s history over again. We cannot turn the clock back and make a new, and better, beginning. We cannot, but the God of heaven can, and Easter announces that He has.” —Peter Leithart, ***The Gospel of Matthew Through New Eyes Volume Two: Jesus as Israel*** (West Monroe, LA: Athanasius Press, 2018) 2: 343.

“If you have died with Christ to sin and been raised into new life, quit sinning and live in a new way. If, when Christ appears, you will appear with Him and be like Him, then live now in a manner that conforms to your final destiny!”—Sinclair Ferguson “Christian Spirituality: The Reformed View of Sanctification,” in *Some Pastors and Teachers* (Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2017), 534-536.

*Hymn #286 Worship Christ, the Risen King! words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 4 and 5)

Benediction

Postlude Judy Bailey and Jill Plemmons

*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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETS AT 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Children** meet in classroom #3.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY (DVD presentations on the book of Acts (by Nancy Guthrie) continues Tuesday, April 22nd @ 10:00 a.m.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL – (TODAY) 20th Karen McKee, Rebecca Hagedorn, 27th Marsha Elliott, Kathleen George. **Ladies, please arrive in the nursery by 10:45, thank you!**

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today” Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; “Alleluia!” Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply: “Alleluia!”

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia! Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting” Alleluia! Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

Low in the grave he lay – Jesus, my Savior, waiting the coming day – Jesus, my Lord.

REFRAIN: Up from the grave he arose, (he arose!) with a mighty triumph o’er his foes, (he arose!) He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! (he arose!) He arose! (he arose!) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed – Jesus, my Savior; vainly they seal the dead – Jesus, my Lord. REFRAIN

Death cannot keep his prey – Jesus, my Savior; he tore the bars away – Jesus, my Lord. REFRAIN

WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING!

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer; but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer: He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory; sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free. Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

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*...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.