

The Order for the Worship of God

June 15, 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!)**

Piano Prelude Tim Browning

Call to Worship from Psalm 90

PASTOR: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.... Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

ALL: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

*Hymn #30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* words printed on back
(verses 1, 2, 4, 6 & 7)

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Almighty God, we worship you – the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father in heaven. We confess that you are all-wise and we are not. Grant that we may live by faith, not by sight; trusting in your acts of providence and obeying your Word through thick and thin. Give us your wisdom that results in a life of humble submission and faithfulness to you. We confess that we cannot find meaning in this life apart from you; we were created by you and for you - to fulfill your purposes. Only in Jesus Christ do we find certainty that there is meaning and something beyond this life under the sun and beyond the grave. Jesus, we praise and thank you that by your death and resurrection you broke the power of sin and death for us. All praise and thanks be to you, O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Amen.

*Hymn #128 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* words printed on back
(verses 1, 2, 4 - 6)

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

Scripture Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #20: Ecclesiastes. Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

What does it mean for God to give us wisdom? What kind of gift is it? To live wisely, you have to be clear-sighted and realistic – ruthlessly so – in looking at life as it is. Wisdom will not go with comforting illusions, false sentiment, or the use of rose-colored glasses. Most of us live in a dream world, with our heads in the clouds and our feet off the ground; we never see the world, and our lives in it, as they really are. This deep-seated, sin-bred unrealism is one reason why there is so little wisdom among us – even the soundest and most orthodox of us. It takes more than sound doctrine to cure us of unrealism. There is, however, one book in Scripture that is expressly designed to turn us into realists, and that is the book of Ecclesiastes. We need to pay more heed to its message than we commonly do.... God in his wisdom, to make and keep us humble and to teach us to walk by faith has hidden from us almost everything that we should like to know about the providential purposes which he is working out in the churches and in our own lives.... Leave to God the issues of life, let him measure its ultimate worth; your part is to use all the good sense and enterprise at your command in exploiting the opportunities that lie before you (Ecclesiastes 11:1-6). The wisdom God gives is not a sharing in all his knowledge, but a disposition to confess that he is wise, and to cleave to him and live for him. What underlies and sustains the life of faith? Why, the conviction that the inscrutable God of providence is the wise and gracious God of creation and redemption. We can be sure that God ... knows what he is doing, and “doeth all things well,” even if for the moment he hides his hand. We can trust him and rejoice in him, even when we cannot discern his path. (J.I. Packer, Knowing God, (chapter 10).

*Hymn 644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude Tim Browning

*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. Children meet in classroom #3.

INQUIRERS’ CLASS #2 – Classroom #6 9:45 a.m.

SIX WEEK’S STUDY FOR MEN continues this Wednesday, June 18th. Sinclair Ferguson answers the question: “Who Is the Holy Spirit?” Time: 10:30-NOON.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR MAY– (TODAY) ; 15th Joanna Martin, Rebecca Hagedorn; 22nd Karen Mckee, Joan Pretorius; 29th Karen McKee, Marsha Elliott.

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream; bears all its sons away, they fly forgotten as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; O be our guard while troubles last, and out eternal home.

GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

God moves in a Mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-ending skill he measures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense but trust him for his grace; behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea, him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

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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.