

The Order for the Worship of God

July 6, 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 Judy Bailey

Call to Worship from Jeremiah 33

PASTOR: Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it – the Lord is his name: “Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things you have not known.”

ALL: Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for his steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn #101 *Come, Thou Almighty King* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Almighty King, whose name is “the LORD our righteousness,” write your law upon our hearts as you promised through Jeremiah you would do. Incarnate Word, speak to us today, grant success to the God-breathed written word as it is read and preached. May we hear and heed your call to repentance. Forgive our iniquity, remember our sins no more, because you bore our sins on the cross and paid the debt for us. Plant your word deep in us today and by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we be eager to obey out of love, not duty. We ascribe praise, honor, and glory to you: the only God – one God in Three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whose sovereign majesty we shall see in heaven by grace through faith in him who loved and gave himself for us. Amen.

*Hymn 725 *The Lord’s Prayer* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 1:1-7; 8:21-22; 15:10;17:1, 9; 30:17; 31:33-34

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #23: Jeremiah Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

The son of a priest from the small town of Anathoth in Judah, the prophet Jeremiah dictated prophecies from the Lord to his secretary, Baruch. Because of Jeremiah’s lineage, the son of a priest named Hilkiah, he would have been raised a priest, though no record of his priestly service exists. Instead, God chose this man of undeniable courage to speak to the people of Judah on the Lord’s behalf—even though they would not listen. Jeremiah was nearly twenty years old (younger?) when he began to prophesy, and he continued in that office for the rest of his adult life, some fifty years or more. Because his message held little weight with the people, (especially religious leaders) Jeremiah’s prophecies reveal a substantial amount of emotional depth—often sorrow over the plight of God’s people or his own troubles (12:1-4; 15:10). Because Jeremiah prophesied in the final years of Judah before God’s people were exiled to Babylon, it makes sense that the book’s overarching theme is judgment. Indeed, the first forty-five chapters focus primarily on the judgment coming to Judah because of its disbelief and disobedience. However, an element of grace is also present in these events. The fall of Jerusalem comes nearly nine hundred years after the original covenant between God and the Israelites in the Sinai desert (Exodus 24:1-18). Such an extended period of time witnesses to God’s great patience and mercy, allowing His people the opportunity to turn from their sinful ways—a lifestyle they began not long after they struck the original covenant with God (32:1–35). In his great mercy, God makes a new covenant with his people – promising to write his law on their hearts (23) and to put reverential fear for him in their hearts, while promising never to turn away from doing good to them. Jeremiah was a reformed to biblical Judaism, that their religion had degenerated into meaningless ritualism which would lead to their destruction. The religious leaders were furious with Jeremiah, ridiculed him, pinned him with whatever bigoted label they could apply. Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, mourned for his people, even despaired of life, but persevered: “But the Lord is with me as a mighty, awesome One” (20:11). Jeremiah knew that one day his Savior would come – a King who would reign and prosper. Although there seemed to be little hope of holiness among his kinsmen, this King would execute judgment, and righteousness would prevail (23:5-6).

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Hymn #94 *How Firm a Foundation* 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. **INVITATION TO PARTAKE OF COMMUNION:** All baptized believers who are members in good standing of an evangelical church are invited to the table today. Please hold the elements until all have been served; we will partake together. The bread is gluten free; wine is in the center cups, juice in the outer cups.

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

SIX WEEK’S STUDY FOR MEN continues this Wednesday, July 9th. Sinclair Ferguson answers the question: *“Who Is the Holy Spirit?”* Time: 10:30-NOON.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JULY– (TODAY) 6th Becky Chapel, Suzy Greene; 13th Nancy Davis, Gail Grissom; 20th Joanna Martin, Rebecca Hagedorn; 27th Joan Pretorius, Kathleen George.

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Lord of heav'n and earth, let praise and honor clothe your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done; throughout the world complete your reign. Teach us, O Lord, to trust in you for bread and breath each day anew.

Forgive us, Lord, our sins and debts as we to debtors show your grace. Remove us from all tempting paths and guard us from the devil's ways; for glory, strength, and heaven's throne belong to you, and you alone.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow, for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design, your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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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.