

The Order for the Worship of God

July 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

Call to Worship from Psalm 27

PASTOR: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

ALL: I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

*Hymn #353 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Gracious God, God of all compassion and consolation, your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face an uncertain future, despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith through Christ, our Lord. Help us to dance with the spirit, the breath of life, who calls us out of the valley of dry bones and into the Kingdom of God, both a present reality and the grounding of our future hope. May our eyes be affixed upon the suffering of the cross and the hope of the empty tomb so that we may live as resurrection people. Keep us in your presence and give us your wisdom. Open our hearts to gladness, call dry bones to dance, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

*Hymn #342 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

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

Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-5; 34:9-10a,15,25-26; 36:22-27

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #25: Ezekiel Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

The book of Ezekiel takes its title from the priest of the same name, son to a man named Buzi. Ezekiel’s priestly lineage shines through in his prophetic ministry; he often concerned himself with topics such as the temple, the priesthood, the glory of the Lord, and the sacrificial system. Ezekiel lived among the Jewish exiles in Babylon at a settlement along the river Chebar called Tel-abib (3:15), less than one hundred miles south of Babylon. The invading Babylonians brought about ten thousand Jews to the village in 597 BC, including Ezekiel and the last king of Judah, Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24:8-14).

Ezekiel’s entire prophetic ministry centered around the small exiled community at Tel-abib, a people uprooted from their homes and livelihoods living out their days in a foreign land. Can you imagine the feelings of disorientation and confusion that accompanied these people? Even though many of the exiles were directly engaged in the sinful behavior that led to God’s judgment, that would not prevent them from wondering why all this was happening to them.

Because he spoke to a people whom God had exiled due to their continued rebellion against Him, a majority of Ezekiel’s message communicates judgment for sins committed (1:1–32:32). However, like all the prophets, he also provided his people, now without a land of their own, some hope for the future (33:1–48:35).

*Hymn #130 *Showers of Blessing* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 2 and 4)

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. Children meet in classroom #3.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JULY– (TODAY) 20th Joanna Martin, Rebecca Hagedorn; 27th Joan Pretorius, Kathleen George.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO FOLLOW TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE – JUNE 20th. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a pulpit committee. The session has prayerfully recruited the following to serve who, if elected, have agreed to serve: Session members: John Decker and Paul Sawyer, and members-at-large: Kelly Clark, Rebecca Hagedorn, and Joe Holman.

AFTER-CHURCH LUNCHEON – to follow the worship service of the 27th. Please sign up in the foyer. Ridge Haven Summer Staff will be joining us again for worship AND for lunch afterwards. This will be the last time to host these young people – so, bring ample dishes to share!

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend; to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King, thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today: with thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy people as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One. One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

SHOWERS OF BLESSING

“There shall be showers of blessing,” this is the promise of love; there shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Savior above.

REFRAIN: Showers of blessing showers of blessing we need: mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.

“There shall be showers of blessing,” precious reviving again; over the hills and the valleys, sound of abundance of rain. **REFRAIN**

“There shall be showers of blessing,” oh, that today they might fall, now as to God we're confessing, now as on Jesus we call! **REFRAIN**

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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.