

The Order for the Worship of God

July 27, 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 Tim Browning

Call to Worship from Psalms 91 and 92

PASTOR: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress my God, in whom I trust. Surely, he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.... You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

ALL: How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! You, O LORD, are exalted forever!

*Hymn #75 *O Father, You Are Sovereign* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Sovereign God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe – we humbly bow in your holy presence and praise you for your singular greatness and glory. Grant us grace never to forget who we are, and to whom we belong; lest the things of this world become nearer and dearer to us than you ever intended them to be and we become intoxicated and addicted to the “finer things” and grow cold in our affection for you. By the power of the Holy Spirit empower us to subdue these fleshly passions lest we become like Demas who loved this present world more than you. Show us how to live as exiles in Babylon as those who are grateful citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem and who say no to creature comforts that easily become idols. Thank you that Jesus lived and died for our sins, went into the fires of hell itself for us and was not consumed. Thank you that by grace through faith in Jesus, we will emerge from death unscathed, unharmed, with no scent of fire! Amen.

*Hymn #640 *My Tribute* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Daniel 3:1-7

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #26: Daniel Sam Hodge

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Named after its writer, Daniel’s book is a product of his time in Babylon as a Jewish exile from Israel. While still a young man, Daniel travelled to Babylon with a group of young Israelite nobles, men of promise whom the conquering power felt could be of use in service (1:3-4). Once Daniel arrived, the leadership in Babylon renamed him Belteshazzar in an effort to more closely identify him with his new home (1:7). Daniel lived there throughout the Jews’ seventy-year captivity (1:21; 9:2), eventually rising to become one of only three administrators over the provincial governors throughout the kingdom (6:1). Daniel recorded his experiences and prophecies for the Jewish exiles during his time in the Babylonian capital, where his service to the king gave him privileged access to the highest levels of society. His faithful service to the Lord in a land and culture not his own makes him unique among almost all the people of Scripture—Daniel stands as one of the only major figures in the Bible to produce a completely positive record of his actions. The book of Daniel stands as a unique mix in the Old Testament, for while it begins with history, it makes a strong transition at chapter 7, where it contains visions of future events significant to the Jews. In particular, Daniel 9:24-27 gives a meticulous timeline of when Israel’s Messiah would appear and the events that would follow. In both the historical and the prophetic sections, Daniel presents a strong case for the absolute sovereignty of God, even over a multiplicity of self-absorbed foreign powers. This theme of sovereignty occurs on numerous occasions, including Daniel’s deliverance from the lions’ den, his friends’ rescue from the fiery furnace, and the future arrival of the Ancient of Days to save His people from the forces of evil (3:23-30; 6:19-23; 7:9-22). Daniel and his God-fearing friends were forced to live in Babylon, far from home and far from the land their Lord had promised them. Later in the book, Daniel prophesied of terrible trials still to come in the Promised Land (11:31). Whatever the trial was, though, it was always the result of sin. Have you ever endured the weight or consequences of sin and felt as though God had left you behind, that He had stranded you in a world far from the comforts associated with home? The book of Daniel paints a portrait of how to serve God faithfully in the middle of such a world (as exiles!) and how to persevere in hope even with no immediate solutions to the problems that get us down.

*Hymn #92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 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.

AFTER-CHURCH LUNCHEON – ALL ARE INVITED! Heartfelt thanks to all who brought ample and delicious dishes and desserts to share and to be enjoyed.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JULY– (TODAY) 27th Joan Pretorius, Marsha Elliott. **August** 3rd Denise Sawyer, Amy Holman; 10th Karen McKee, BK Decker; 17th Marsha Elliott, Joanna Martin; 24th Joan Pretorius, Suzy Greene; 31st Becky Chapel, Amy Holman.

O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore, sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man; no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space, you hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain, transmuting earthly sorrows, to gold of heav'nly gain. All evil overruling as none by Conqu'ror could, your love pursues its purpose – our soul's eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now, but soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew: our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you.

MY TRIBUTE

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet you gave to prove your love for me; the voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am, and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee. To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me; with his pow'r he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done. Just let me live my life – let it be pleasing, Lord, to thee; and if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary. (Repeat words in italic)

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing, our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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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.