

The Order for the Worship of God

August 10, 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 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Lowell Mason, arr. K. Kaiser
Judy Bailey and Norm Malenke

Call to Worship from Psalm 51

PASTOR: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ALL: O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise. For you do not delight in sacrifice or I would give it; the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Hymn #332 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Heavenly Father, thank You that Your Word is true and stands fast forever. Thank You for the book of Joel which bears witness of Your goodness and grace to all who trust in Your Word. Teach me the lessons that You would have me learn from Israel’s history, and keep me from making the same mistakes. Help me to make my outward life a demonstration of a changed inner life which trusts You implicitly, in thought, word, deed, and motive. We rejoice that Christ’s victory on the Cross and the full power of His Resurrection will be realized in the promised kingdom of heaven on earth, when the earth will be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. Fill me with the Holy Spirit and use me to proclaim the good news of the gospel of grace to those You put in my path, while there is still time. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

*Hymn # 726 *Spirit of the Living God* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Joel 1:1-4; 2:1-3; 12-13; 28-32

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #28 Joel Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

We know little of the prophet Joel beyond a few personal details contained in the book itself. He identified himself as the son of Pethuel, preached to the people of Judah, and expressed a great deal of interest in Jerusalem. Joel also made several comments on the priests and the temple, indicating a familiarity with the center of worship in Judah (1:13-14; 2:14,17). Joel often drew upon natural imagery - the sun and the moon, the grass and the locusts - and in general seemed to understand the reality that truth must have an impact on us in the real world.

Dating the writing of the book of Joel remains one of the most difficult tasks for Old Testament scholars because unlike most prophetic writers, Joel gave no explicit indication of his time period. In particular, Joel refrained from mentioning the current ruling kings. One of the most compelling arguments for dating the writing of the book of Joel explains this omission by suggesting the prophecy occurred in the aftermath of Judah’s only ruling queen, Athaliah (d. 835 BC). Her young grandson, Joash, succeeded Athaliah upon her death. But because Joash was too young to rule, the priest Jehoida ruled in his place until he came of age. So, if Joel prophesied during this caretaking period, it would make sense that he mentioned no official king. The book of Joel also makes ample mention of priests, temple rituals, and nations, such as Phoenicia, Philistia, Egypt, and Edom, that were prominent in the late ninth century BC. All of this points to a date of approximately 835 BC or soon after, making Joel one of the earliest writing prophets, as well as a contemporary of the prophet Elisha. The book focuses its prophetic judgment on the southern kingdom of Judah with frequent references to Zion and the temple worship (Joel 1:13-14; 2:23, 32; 3:16, 21). Joel’s familiarity with this area and the worship in the temple suggests that he lived in Judah, possibly even in the city of Jerusalem itself.

The book of Joel’s importance to the canon of Scripture stems from its being the first to develop an oft-mentioned biblical idea: the day of the Lord. While Obadiah mentioned the terrifying event first (Obadiah 15), Joel’s book gives some of the most striking and specific details in all of Scripture about the day of the Lord - days cloaked in darkness, armies that conquer like consuming fire, and the moon turning to blood. Rooted in such vibrant and physical imagery, this time of ultimate judgment, still future for us today (2 Thess. 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10), makes clear the seriousness of God’s judgment on sin.

*Spiritual Song *His Mercy Is More* 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. **PLEASE SIGN, PASS THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION BOOKS DOWN THE AISLE AND THEN PASS IT BACK. USE IT TO GREET ONE ANOTHER BY NAME!**

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST– (TODAY)10th Karen McKee, BK Decker; 17th Marsha Elliott, Joanna Martin; 24th Joan Pretorius, Suzy Greene; 31st Becky Chapel, Amy Holman.

AFTER CHURCH “POT PROVIDENCE” LUNCHEON – August 31st. Please sign up in the foyer. Thanks!

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise; hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

And shall we then forever live at this poor dying rate? Our love, so faint, so cold to you, and yours to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs, come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me! Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done. Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore ... Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor ... our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us! His blood was the payment His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord. His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness new every morn' ... Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

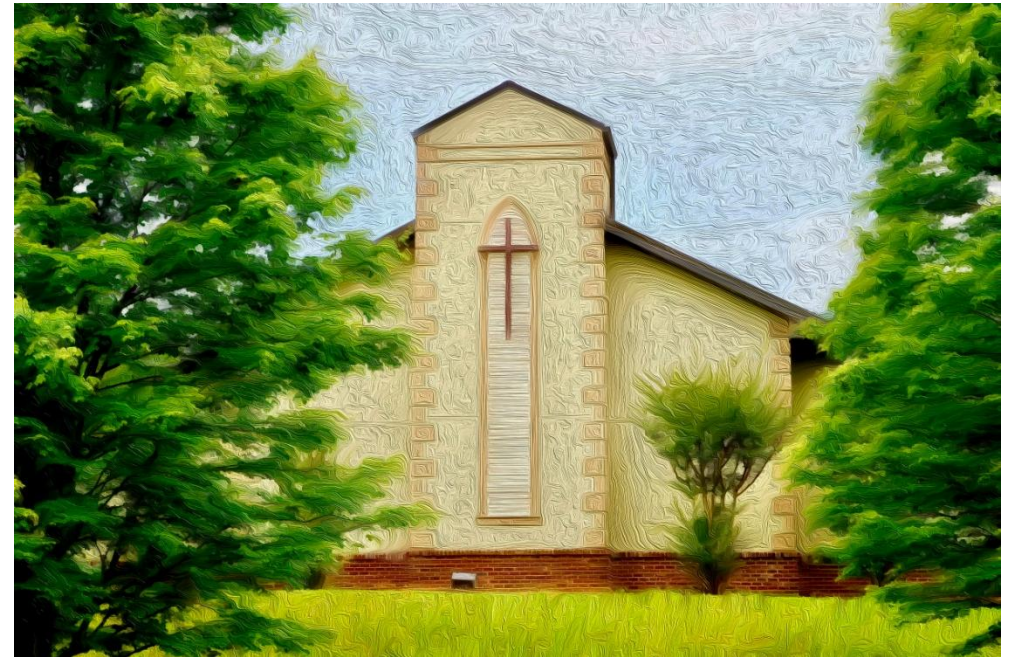
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*...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20*



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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.