

The Order for the Worship of God

August 24, 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

PASTOR: Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole Church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy are You: Lord God Almighty; heaven and earth are full of your glory!

*Hymn #100 *Holy, Holy, Holy* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Heavenly Father, help me to pay attention to all that You are saying through Your Word. I pray that I may have a teachable spirit and an ear that listens to all that the Spirit says to the Churches. Keep me from prideful thoughts, harmful words, foolish decisions, and careless actions, and may I never hold Your truth lightly but diligently apply it in my heart and practice it in my life. Heavenly Father, how I thank You for the lessons I can learn from Israel. Thank You that Jesus offered Himself once and for all as the final sacrifice for my sins and my debt was paid in full. Keep me low at the Cross and broken before You, as You complete Your perfect plan of redemption, for all those for whom Jesus died and rose again. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

*Hymn # 465 *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* words printed on back
(stanzas 1 and 3)

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

Scripture Lesson Amos 1:1 and 7:10-15

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #29 Amos Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

The prophet Amos lived among a group of shepherds in Tekoa, a small town approximately ten miles south of Jerusalem. Amos made clear in his writings that he did not come from a family of prophets, nor did he even consider himself one. Rather, he was “a grower of sycamore figs” as well as a shepherd (7:14). Amos’s connection to the simple life of the people made its way into the center of his prophecies, as he showed a heart for the oppressed and the voiceless in the world. Amos was fed up. While most of the prophets interspersed redemption and restoration in their prophecies against Israel and Judah, Amos devoted only the final five verses of his prophecy for such consolation. Prior to that, God’s word through Amos was directed against the privileged people of Israel, a people who had no love for their neighbor, who took advantage of others, and who only looked out for their own concerns. With the people of Israel in the north enjoying an almost unparalleled time of success, God decided to call a quiet shepherd and farmer to travel from his home in the less sinful south and carry a message of judgment to the Israelites. The people in the north used Amos’s status as a foreigner as an excuse to ignore his message of judgment for a multiplicity of sins. Injustice permeates our world, yet as Christians we often turn a blind eye to the suffering of others for “more important” work like praying, preaching, and teaching. But the book of Amos reminds us that those works, while unquestionably central to a believer’s life, ring hollow when we don’t love and serve others in our own lives. Do you find yourself falling into that trap at times - prioritizing prayer over service?

*Spiritual Song *God, You Spoke Your Word Through Amos* words printed on back
Hymn Tune: BEACH SPRING

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. **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) 24th Joan Pretorius, Suzy Greene; 31st Becky Chapel, Amy Holman.

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

LADIES: Information pertaining to the Presbytery-wide Retreat for Women at Ridge Haven is available on the table in the narthex.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, hoy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

REFRAIN: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. REFRAIN

GOD, YOU SPOKE YOUR WORD THROUGH AMOS

God, you spoke your word through Amos long ago and far away. Still your call for love and justice speaks to people in our day: For we've trampled on the needy and brought heartbreak to the poor; Lord, our way of life is greedy- we are always wanting more.

We confess the way we're living harms the planet in our care; Many times our ways of spending hurt the poor and cause despair. In a world where millions hunger, we consume without much thought. So your land and people suffer; may we hear what Amos taught!

Even here within our churches, we have sometimes failed to be Bearers of your love and justice to your world community. All our songs and celebrations and the feasting that we do turn to mournful lamentations as we cry, "Lord, where are you?"

Lord, renew in us a vision of the world you're working toward. Guide your church to make decisions that acknowledge you as Lord. May we seek your ways of justice, care for earth, and gladly give; May the words you spoke through Amos guide the way we daily live!

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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.