

The Order for the Worship of God

October 5, 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 Genesis 12; Ephesians 3; Micah 7:18

PASTOR: Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” “So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”

ALL: “Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgression? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.”

*Hymn #34 *The God of Abraham Praise* words printed on back
(stanzas 1-3 & 6)

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

“Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. Oh Lord, fill me. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me to the point of zeal so that my love may reach my neighbor... I am a sinner; you are just. With me is an abundance of sin, but with you is the fullness of justice. And thus, I will say, ‘I want to have you from whom I can receive everything, but to whom I can give nothing.’” Martin Luther (1483-1546)

*Hymn #521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* words printed on back
(stanzas 1, 3 & 4)

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

Scripture Lesson Micah 1:1-3; 3:1-4; 5:1-5; 6:6-8; 7:18-20

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #32 Micah Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

The prophet Micah identified himself by his hometown, called Moresheth Gath, which sat near the border of Philistia and Judah about twenty-five miles southwest of Jerusalem. Dwelling in a largely agricultural part of the country, Micah lived outside the governmental centers of power in his nation, leading to his strong concern for the lowly and less fortunate of society—the lame, the outcasts, and the afflicted (Micah 4:6). Therefore, Micah directed much of his prophecy toward the powerful leaders of Samaria and Jerusalem, the capital cities of Israel and Judah, respectively (1:1). As a contemporary of Isaiah and Hosea, Micah prophesied during the momentous years surrounding the tragic fall of Israel to the Assyrian Empire (722 BC), an event he also predicted (Micah 1:6). Micah stated in his introduction to the book that he prophesied during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah in Judah, failing to mention the simultaneous string of dishonorable kings that closed out the northern kingdom of Israel. During this period, while Israel was imploding from the effects of evil and unfaithful leadership, Judah seemed on a roller-coaster ride—ascending to the heights of its destiny in one generation, only to fall into the doldrums in another. In Judah at this time, good kings and evil kings alternated with each other, a pattern seen in the reigns of Jotham (good, 2 Kings 15:32-34); Ahaz (evil, 2 King 16:1-4); and Hezekiah (good, 2 Kings 18:1-7). The book of Micah provides one of the most significant prophecies of Jesus Christ’s birth in all the Old Testament, pointing some seven hundred years before Christ’s birth to His birthplace of Bethlehem and to His eternal nature (Micah 5:2). Surrounding Micah’s prophecy of Jesus’s birth is one of the most lucid pictures of the world’s future under the reign of the Prince of Peace (5:5). Judgment and restoration inspire fear and hope, two ideas wrapped up in the final sequence of Micah’s prophecy, a courtroom scene in which God’s people stand trial before their Creator for turning away from Him and from others (6:1–7:20). In this sequence, God reminds the people of His good works on their behalf, how He cared for them while they cared only for themselves. But rather than leave God’s people with the fear and sting of judgment, the book of Micah concludes with the prophet’s call on the Lord as his only source of salvation and mercy (7:7), pointing the people toward an everlasting hope in their everlasting God. Micah’s impassioned plea for God’s chosen people to repent will cut many of us to the quick. Most of us don’t decide daily to cut people down or find ways to carry out injustice. Instead, we do it out of habit. Let’s allow the words of Micah to break us out of our apathy about extending justice and kindness to others and press on toward a world that better resembles the harmonious everlasting kingdom to come. Let’s determine to live as God desires: “to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God” Micah 6:8.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Hymn #201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 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!**

WE INVITE ALL baptized believers who are members in good standing of an evangelical church (churches that proclaim that faith in the blood and righteousness of Jesus is necessary for salvation) to partake of the Lord’s Supper.

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER– (TODAY) 5th Amy Holman, Joan Pretorius; 12th Rebecca Hagedorn, Karen McKee; 19th suzy Greene, Marsha Elliott; 26th Kathleen George, Nancy Davis.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY continues Tuesday morning @ 10:00 a.m. with Nancy Guthrie’s “Continuing in Acts” DVD series.

MEN’S DVD STUDY: REFORMATION PROFILES by Stephen J. Nichols begins this Wednesday, October 8th @ 10:30 and continues for three weeks – until October 22nd.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE as they faithfully do their work.

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, Ancient of everlasting days and God of love. Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand. I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame and pow'r, and him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend; I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend. I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore, and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry. Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. REFRAIN

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. REFRAIN

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie, above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by: yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight,

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, holy silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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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.