

## *The Order for the Worship of God*

December 7, 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 Psalm 22:22-23

PASTOR: <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you:

**ALL: <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel.**

\*Hymn #195 *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

**LORD Jesus, we come together this morning to glorify your name. We praise you for your power and your goodness. LORD, today we exalt you because it is through your life, death, and resurrection that we have been freed from the chains of sin and death. Jesus, we confess that far too often we forget these truths and do not live in light of that freedom. We confess that we daily forget the goodness of your Lordship and choose to pursue our hearts’ desires. Thank you for continuing to pursue us even when we have gone astray. Thank you for giving us your Word that we might know you more and depend more on the good news of the gospel. As we continue to lift up your holy name, we ask that you would soften our hearts and allow us to glorify and enjoy you. AMEN.**

\*Hymn #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Sam Hodge

Scripture Lesson Romans 5:1-11

The Reason for Advent – Paul’s Declaration of the Coming Savior Sam Hodge

Silent Reflection and Prayer

As we come to this advent season, we are reminded that Jesus’ coming is the greatest news in the history of the world for a people that are in need of a savior. This morning, we are looking at Paul’s letter to the church in Rome to learn how he proclaimed the good news of Christ Jesus to the church. The church in Rome was split between newly converted Jews and Gentiles. In this letter, Paul is expounding on how they can live a

life that is glorifying and honoring the God. He is also expounding on the gospel to show what implications this good news has on their lives and the church. In this section in Romans 5, we are turning to Paul’s declaration of the power that Christ’s life and death bears on the lives of those who put their faith and trust in Him. This might seem a strange place to turn to in the midst of this advent season. After all, are we not focusing on the celebration of Jesus’ birth and incarnation? However, I think that this is a very apt place to start our advent season because as Paul expounds on in this passage, we cannot fully understand and appreciate the good news of Jesus’ coming until we understand our need for a savior. Jesus did not come to the earth as a teacher to educate students that were ready to hear his instruction. He did not come to set a moral standard that could be followed by his disciples. Paul tells us in Romans 5:8 that Jesus came to this earth for the expressed purpose of saving sinners who were in need of a savior; one who could bring them peace and hope in the midst of their darkness. We must start our understanding of this advent season with the sobering reality that the angels came to proclaim good news, not to friends, but to enemies of God. In Jesus we rejoice that God humbled himself to send His Son into the world so that we might be reconciled to Him and have renewed peace.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

\*Hymn #208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* words printed on back  
(stanzas 1, 3, 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. **PLEASE SIGN, PASS THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION BOOKS DOWN THE AISLE AND THEN PASS IT BACK. USE IT TO GREET ONE ANOTHER BY NAME!**

**POT PROVIDENCE LUNCH to follow worship this Sunday, Please join us for the fellowship!**

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

**LADIES’ CHRISTMAS TEA given by Nancy Davis and Lou Vissers!** You are invited to the home of Lou Vissers on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**HANDBELL RINGERS**, under the direction of Tim Browning, will be in concert in the Rogow Room of the Library on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

**THE LADIES’ DAY TRIP** will be on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, to the Grand Bohemian Lodge’s Christmas Market in Greenville. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return before dark. Sign up if interested.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AT CORNERSTONE.** Music will be provided by our cherished musicians – Judy Bailey and Tim Browning. The festive service will feature congregational carol singing by candlelight, and a special homily from Dr. Silman. **PLEASE NOTE:** The twilight service will begin at 4 o’clock in the afternoon.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER: (TODAY – 7<sup>th</sup>).** 7<sup>th</sup> Joan Pretorius, Kathleen George; 14<sup>th</sup> Lou Vissers, Suzy Greene; 21<sup>st</sup> Amy Holman, Karen McKee; 28<sup>th</sup> Marsha Elliott, Rebecca Hagedorn

## Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ: while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set they people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation hope of all the earth thou art, dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth; "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end; by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels;

**REFRAIN:** O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; glory to God in the highest;  
**REFRAIN**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n: Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; **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.