

The Order for the Worship of God

February 22, 2026

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 98:1-3

PASTOR: ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ²The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

ALL: ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*Hymns #305 *Arise, My Soul, Arise* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your son Jesus to live and die that we might be brought into your kingdom. Thank you for the gift of your Spirit that continues the work of Christ in our life and in the world around us. LORD, we confess that we are often forgetful of your kingdom and try to live as if we are ruling over our own life. Please convict us where we need to be and renew our hearts that we would follow after you. As we carry your calling for our life, help us to see how you are at work and give us opportunities to love and minister to those around us. In all things, grant us the grace that we may follow after the example of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #115 *All Creatures of Our God and King (stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 5)* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Acts 1:6-8

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #45 Sam Hodge

Silent Reflection and Prayer

The book of Acts is attributed to the work of Luke and is the sequel to Luke’s gospel account. This work is also addressed to Theophilus (Acts 1:1). In the introduction to this account, Luke summarizes his gospel account and then introduces how this story will pick up with Jesus appearing to His disciples before the ascension. In this opening scene Jesus promises that He will send the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples and continue His work throughout the world. As the story of Acts unfolds, it is evident that this promise is also acting as a thesis statement for the book. As the only book of the historical genre in the New Testament (all books of Scripture are true historical accounts), Acts focuses on the spreading of the gospel by Jesus’ followers in the first century. The story opens with Peter sharing the good news of Jesus in the temple in Jerusalem but has a specific trajectory showing the expansion of the gospel to the Gentiles and ending with Paul taking the gospel to Rome. The stories of Acts are marked by scenes of faith and a bold proclamation of the gospel that takes place throughout the entire Mediterranean world which was mostly colonized by the Roman Empire. Many of the accounts show the way that the early church took the gospel to Jews throughout the diaspora and how Gentiles were also welcomed into this community. Peter and Paul are the two main figures in the book of Acts, but they are joined by many other examples of faith and courage.

*Hymn #111 *This Is My Father’s World* 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!**

Dr. and Mrs. Silman are in Houston this weekend. Yesterday Dr. Silman was privileged to help officiate (with son-in-law Clay) the marriage of their granddaughter, Emma Campbell Holland, to Mason Tyler Laurence. Lord willing, he will return to the pulpit March 1st to give a flyover of Paul’s epistle to the Romans.

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

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN for The Center for Women. Pick up a bottle, fill it with \$\$ and return it. This is the biggest annual money raiser for this strategic ministry.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN continues this Tuesday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m.

MONTHLY “POT PROVIDENCE” LUNCHEON will be today after worship. Please join us.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR TODAY – 22nd BK Decker, Kathleen George. **MARCH 1st** Gail Grissom, Lou Vissers; 8th Joan Pretorius, Karen McKee; 15th Rebecca Hagedorn, Lou Vissers; 22nd Nancy Davis, Joanna Martin; 29th Kathleen George, Amy Holman.

LEAD MOUNTAIN RETREAT April 14-16 at Ridge Haven. The PCA’s Children’s Discipleship Ministries will be offering training to those involved or interested in teaching/discipling children. Participants will be converging on Ridge Haven from PCA churches across the Southeast. If interested, there is still time to register @ <https://arrowheadconferencesandevents.regfox.com/2026-cm-lead-retreat>

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands, my name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead; his blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear; he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father Abba, Father!" cry.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing win that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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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.