

## *The Order for the Worship of God*

March 8, 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 34:1-3

PASTOR: <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

**ALL: <sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

\*Hymns #457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison) from The Valley of Vision

**Glorious God,**

**It is the flame of my life to worship thee, the crown and glory of my soul to adore thee, heavenly pleasure to approach thee. Give me power by thy Spirit to help me worship now, that I may forget the world, be brought into fullness of life, be refreshed, comforted, blessed. Give me knowledge of thy goodness that I might not be over-awed by thy greatness; Give me Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God, that I might not be terrified, but be drawn near with filial love, with holy boldness; He is my Mediator, Brother, Interpreter, Branch, Daysman, Lamb; Let me live wholly to my Saviour, free from distractions, from carking care, from hindrances to the pursuit of the narrow way. I am pardoned through the blood of Jesus – give me a new sense of it, continue to pardon me by it, may I come every day to the fountain, and every day be washed anew, that I may worship thee always in spirit and truth. Amen.**

\*Hymn #486 *God, Be Merciful to Me (stanzas 1-4)* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Various texts from 1 Corinthians

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #47 Sam Hodge

Silent Reflection and Prayer

The letter of 1 Corinthians was written by Paul to the church in Corinth. This letter, written during Paul’s time in Ephesus is being sent to a congregation that Paul previously ministered to and helped plant (Acts 18). The city of Corinth was most likely one of the most prominent cities in Greece at the time of Paul’s ministry. Geographically the city sits upon a hill that stands out prominently amongst the surrounding area. This prominence however was even more pronounced in the economic sector of the Roman Empire. Given its’ position to the dangerous waters of Cape Maleae, Corinth was strategically positioned upon a trade route that connected the surrounding maritime trade. This position gave the Corinthians a great opportunity to gain wealth and influence. However, as we see in the study of this letter, the church in Corinth was experiencing many issues during the time of Paul’s writing. While Paul starts this letter with a warm greeting to show his care for the people, it is obvious that he feels the need to write to correct many practices in the church. Some of the most prominent of these issues are the disunity in the church, the sexual immorality amongst members of the congregation, and a lack of knowledge about how to lead a gospel-centered life. In all of these issues, Paul’s letter is hoping to give them correction that is rooted in the truth of the gospel to show them how Jesus desires his church to flourish and be a witness to the watching world.

\*Hymn #521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* 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 CLASSES MEETS AT 9:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Children meet in classroom #3.

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

**DVD STUDY FOR MEN** – “What Is Reformed Theology?” (first six sessions) by R.C. Sproul begins Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> and continues each Wednesday (10:30 a.m. – Noon) through May 6<sup>th</sup>. Sproul provides a comprehensive introduction to the theology of the Protestant Reformers of which Charles Haddon Spurgeon said: *“Reformed Theology is nothing other than biblical Christianity.”*

**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR TODAY** – **MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>** Joan Pretorius, Karen McKee; 15<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Hagedorn, Lou Vissers; 22<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Davis, Joanna Martin; 29<sup>th</sup> Kathleen George, Amy Holman.

**THE HIGHLAND PRESBYTERY WOMEN’S SPRING GATHERING**, with featured speaker Caroline Newweizer, will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18th, at Faith Presbyterian in Morganton. Sign-up sheet on table in the narthex.

**CENTER FOR WOMEN:** They are in need of new clothes for children ranging from 2T - 5T (boys and girls). Also they are in need of diaper bags. There will be a basket in the narthex to collect all the donations.

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it - prone to leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea; plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now; wash me, make me pure within cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress; I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face; I confess thy judgement just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within. Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart; make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgement just, let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice; from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

## 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

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

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. REFRAIN

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

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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.