

## *The Order for the Worship of God*

March 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 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” arr. Richard A. Nichols  
Judy Bailey, piano and Norm Malenke, cello

*“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”* (Isaiah 53:5)

Call to Worship: from Psalm 103

PASTOR: Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

**ALL: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

\*Hymn # 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison) (from “Regeneration” – Valley of Vision, p. 47)

**O God of the highest heaven, occupy the throne of my heart, take full possession and reign supreme, lay low every rebel lust, let no vile passion resist your holy war; manifest your mighty power, and make me yours forever. O help me then to walk worthy of your love, of my hopes, and my vocation. Keep me, for I cannot keep myself; protect me that no evil befalls me; let me lay aside every sin admired of many; help me to walk by your side, lean on your arm, have converse with you, that henceforth I may be salt of the earth and a blessing to all. AMEN.**

\*Songbook # 39 *O Great God* words printed on back

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

Scripture Lesson Galatians 1:1-9; 2:15-16; 3:10-14

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #49 Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Upon arriving back in Antioch from his first missionary journey after eighteen months on the road, Paul received a report that the churches he had started in Galatia had fallen into hard times—specifically, they had fallen into the heresy of legalism. A group of Judaizers—those who sought to make living under the Mosaic Law a requirement of the Christian faith—had gained an influence in the Galatian churches. Paul wrote the book (ca. AD 48) a few months before his attendance at the Jerusalem Council in AD 49, a meeting where the apostles would take up this very topic (Acts 15) and conclude that those who trust in Christ’s righteousness do not have to become Jews or follow ceremonies of the Mosaic law. In fact, the require these things denies the gospel, which proclaims that justification come by faith alone in Christ alone, not by keeping “the works of the law” (Gal. 2:16). As Christians, we must surrender any and thoughts of attaining our own righteousness; or demonstrate our worthiness to God. The legalist seeks righteousness apart from or in addition to faith in Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. Shocked and flabbergasted at hearing the lamentable news concerning the state of the churches in Galatia, the apostle Paul pens this letter in his own hand and begins with pointed words: “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel” (1:6) and later exclaims: “O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?” (3:1). The temptation to add our own efforts to faith for salvation is default mode. Legalism is tempting because it often leads to behavior management, the cultivation of inviolable morality that serves to feed our pride. Legalism leads to the same error and licentiousness: it bows to man rather than to God. (1:1, 10,11-12). We are to pursue holiness of life but with hearts set free from having anything to prove – only loving gratitude to return to Him who redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us!

\*Hymn # 338 *Spirit of God, descend upon My Heart* words printed on back  
(stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

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 BOOK DOWN THE AISLE AND THEN PASS IT BACK. USE IT TO GREET ONE ANOTHER BY NAME!**

**DVD STUDY FOR MEN** – “What Is Reformed Theology?” (first six sessions) by R.C. Sproul begins Wednesday April 1st and continues each Wednesday (10:30 a.m. – Noon) through May 6th. 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.*”

**BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN** will start back up on Tuesday, April 21st, 10:00 a.m. Lessons on *Who is the Holy Spirit* by Singular Ferguson.

**THE HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERY WOMEN’S SPRING GATHERING**, with featured speaker Caroline Newheizer, will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18th, at Faith Presbyterian in Morganton. There is a Sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Registration starts March 15th– April 12<sup>th</sup>

**CONGREGATIONAL POT PROVIDENCE LUNCH** will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 29th, following the worship service. **Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex** to indicate your intention to bring an entree, a salad/side dish, or a dessert for eight people.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR TODAY** –22nd Nancy Davis, Joanna Martin; 29<sup>th</sup> - Kathleen George, Amy Holman.

## PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear; not to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he be-friend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

## O GREAT GOD

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your word to me through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. *You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me. (REPEAT WORDS IN ITALIC)*

## SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King! All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind. I see thy cross - there teach my heart to cling; O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

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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.