The Order for the Worship of God

March 29, 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 — from Colossians 1 and Revelation 4

PASTOR: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible … and he is before all things and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
ALL: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

*Hymn #737 — *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* — words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison) – based on Ephesians 1:15-23

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, thank you for your grace by which we have come to trust in your Son Jesus as our Redeemer. Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that we may grow in that grace and in our knowledge of our Savior. Open the eyes of our heart so that we may grasp the hope to which we have been called, the riches of our inheritance; your incomparably great power that is at work in us, the same power of the Holy Spirit by which Jesus was raised from the dead! Today, we bow before you and Him who is seated on your right in heaven, to whom you have given all authority, power, and dominion. You have placed all things under his feet, and appointed him to be head over everything for the church. To you Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the praise and glory forever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism. The sign and seal of the covenant (baptism) will be administered today to Louise Collyn Anderson, covenant child and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cameron (Jeanna Belz) Anderson.

*Hymn — *Beneath the Blood-Stained Lintel* — words printed on back
(Hymn Tune: AURELIA)

Morning Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Scripture Lesson — Selected verses from Ephesians

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

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Paul's letter to the churches in Ephesus (ca. A.D. 62) provides theological instruction on the work of Christ in reconciling those who were dead in their sins to God, which happens through God's fatherly predestination and adoption. The reconciliation extends to human relationships as the work of Christ tears down superficial prejudices by the transformational power of the gospel. What is the biggest problem we humans face? Depending on whom you ask, you will get many different answers: Racism, poverty, lack of education, religious extremism, or gender inequality will be mentioned, to name a few. Paul leaves us in no doubt as to what he thinks is our biggest problem: (2:1) "You were dead!" As children of Adam, we are born spiritually dead, without hope, and unable to resuscitate ourselves. By nature, we are "children of wrath" and in ourselves are unable to find life. We are not knocked out, incapacitated, tied up, or merely in need of a little more time or education or social assistance. Dead men can do nothing to revive themselves; however, God in grace by the obedience, death and resurrection of his Son – gives life to the dead. Praise God that, because of his extravagant mercy, he brought us back from the dead and made us his workmanship, for his glory!

*Hymn #460 — *Amazing Grace (stanza 1,2, 4 – 6)* — 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!**

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 12th

CONGREGATIONAL POT PROVIDENCE LUNCH will be held at 12:15 p.m. **today** following the worship service.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR TODAY – 29th - Kathleen George, Amy Holman. **April** 5th Karen McKee, BK Decker; 12th Denise Sawyer, Marsha Elliott; 19th BK Decker, Rebecca Hagedorn; 26th Lou Vissers, Gail Grissom.

CHRIST, WE DO ALL ADORE THEE

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever (REPEAT); for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. Christ, we do all adore thee.

BENEATH THE BLOOD-STAINED LINTEL (words by Harry Ironside)

Beneath the blood-stained lintel, I with my children stand, a messenger of evil is passing through the land. There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face, Beneath the blood-stained lintel shall be our hiding place.

The lamb of God has suffered; our guilt and sin He bore, by faith His blood is sprinkled above our dwelling's door. The foe who seeks to enter doth fear that sacred sign. Tonight the blood-stained lintel shall shelter me and mine.

My Savior, for my dear ones, I claim Your promise true. The lamb was for the household – the children's savior, too. On earth the little children once felt Your touch divine. Beneath the blood-stained lintel, Your blessing give to mine.

O You who gave them, guard them those wayward little feet, the wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet. My parent love is helpless; I trust them to Your care. Beneath the blood-stained lintel, O keep them ever there.

The trust I place upon You; You will not disappoint, with wisdom Lord to train them, my shrinking heart anoint. Without my children, Father, I cannot bear You face. I plead the blood-stained lintel Your covenant of grace.

O Wonderful Redeemer, who suffered for my sake, when o'er the guilty nations, thy judgment storm shall break, with joy from that safe shelter, may we then see Your Eye, beneath the blood-stained lintel, my children, Lord, and I.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace! – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this mortal life shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise that when we've first begun.

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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.