The Order for the Worship of the Risen Christ

April 5, 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

PASTOR: Christ is risen!
ALL: He is risen, indeed!
PASTOR: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
ALL: To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn #277 — *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* — words printed on back

*Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, by raising the body of your Son Jesus from the dead you defanged death; you confirmed your promise to make all things new - including us, for whose salvation Jesus died and rose again! God of glory and grace, all creation gives you praise; we, whom you have redeemed by the all-sufficient sacrifice of your Son, adore you for giving us life when we were dead in trespasses and sins. Grant that we may live in newness of life by the power of your Spirit until the day comes when our bodies are either raised from the dead or are glorified – saved to sin no more. To you, O God, hosanna and praise for Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! AMEN!

*Confessing the Faith: *The Word Made Flesh* – the Ligonier Statement on Christology (inserted)

*Songbook #51 — *Victory in Jesus* — words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ's Church and the World — Paul Sawyer

Scripture Lesson — Philippians 2:1-11; 3:1-11; 4:4-7

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #50 — Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Silent Reflection and Prayer

"A crucified man, still bearing the scars of His execution, appears in a garden to Mary, walks through doors, eats fish with His disciples, claims to have inherited all authority in heaven and on earth. When the angel descends from heaven, women become braver than soldiers; the dead livelier than the living; the cross more potent than all the weapons man can produce. Men have always dreamed of a new beginning. They have always wished that time could be run in reverse and we could have a new start on the sorry spectacle of history. Those who pursue that dream usually end up with more of the same, only worse. They end up entrenching Death's power even more securely. The old week of human history ended in a cross, and the dream of going back to Day One has ended with guillotines and Gulags. But that sobering reality should not lead to despair. We cannot reverse time, return to Eden, and make sure that this time round Adam stays clear of that tree until it is time. Earth cannot start earth's history over again. We cannot turn the clock back and make a new, and better, beginning. We cannot, but the God of heaven can, and Easter announces that He has." —Peter Leithart, ***The Gospel of Matthew Through New Eyes Volume Two: Jesus as Israel*** (West Monroe, LA: Athanasius Press, 2018) 2: 343.

"If you have died with Christ to sin and been raised into new life, quit sinning and live in a new way. If, when Christ appears, you will appear with Him and be like Him, then live now in a manner that conforms to your final destiny!"–Sinclair Ferguson "Christian Spirituality: The Reformed View of Sanctification," in *Some Pastors and Teachers* (Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2017), 534-536.

*Hymn #286 — *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* (stanzas 1, 4 and 5) — words printed on back

Benediction

Postlude — Judy Bailey and Jill Plemmons

*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?" by R.C. Sproul (#2 of first six lessons) continues Wednesday April 8th (10:30 a.m. – Noon) and continues each Wednesday 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."* **Next week bring a sack lunch and drink with you and linger for lunch**.

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

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL – TODAY: 5th Karen McKee, BK Decker; 12th Denise Sawyer, Marsha Elliott; 19th BK Decker, Rebecca Hagedorn; 26th Lou Vissers, Gail Grissom.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today" Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; "Alleluia!" Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: "Alleluia!"

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia! Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting" Alleluia! Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

VICTORY IN JESUS

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

REFRAIN O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing of His cleansing pow'r revealing, how He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see. And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. REFRAIN

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing, and the old redemption story; and some sweet day I'll sing up there the son of victory. REFRAIN

WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING!

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners, jeer; but the truth proclaims a wonder, thoughtful hearts receive with cheer: He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory; sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free. Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

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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.

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God,
He became truly man,
Two natures in one person forever thereafter.

He was born of the virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.
AMEN!