

The Order for the Worship of God

April 19, 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 66:1-4

PASTOR: ¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth, ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

ALL: ³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. ⁴ All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.

*Hymns #76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 5)* words printed on back

Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison) from Psalm 46

Lord Jesus, thank you for the opportunity that we have this morning to worship together amongst this community of believers. Thank you for all of the ways that you have continued to bless our congregation. Lord, we ask that you would work in our hearts that we would continue to give you the glory for all that you are doing. Help us as we worship you today that we might focus on the richness of the gospel. We confess that too often we do not find our hope in you Jesus. However, we know that it is by your power that our hearts will be softened. Lord Jesus, we ask that you would do that work amongst us this day. Help us to more and more depend on you. Amen.

*Hymn #693 *Blessed Assurance* words printed on back

Morning Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Sam Hodge

Scripture Lesson Various texts from 1 Thessalonians

Sermon Series on the Books of the Bible #53 Sam Hodge

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Paul’s first letter to the church in Thessalonica was obviously written to a people that Paul had a deep affection for. In this letter Paul unpacks the beauty of the gospel and the hope that all Christians look forward to with the second coming of Jesus Christ. In this letter, we see Paul’s pastoral heart for a people that are earnestly seeking after the LORD. This letter was mostly likely written during Paul’s time spent ministering in Corinth. We know from this letter that Paul had previously visited the Thessalonians and that he was eager to see them again. The first visit that Paul made to this church is recorded by Luke in Acts 17. During this visit, Paul proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ in the synagogue, and we are told that the gospel was received by both Jews and Gentiles as a result of Paul’s ministry. However, Thessalonica was also a prominent Greco-Roman city that was devoted to the worship of pagan idols and even the emperor himself. Luke tells us in Acts 17 that while many received the gospel with thanks, there were also those who understood the danger of the gospel to their pagan cultural system. This caused Paul to be run out of town and for many Christians to be persecuted. In this letter, Paul writes to this Christian community to encourage them in their faith and give them instruction for their daily life. Paul uses the second coming of Christ as a focal point to show them how they ought to live as believers while they await His coming and what great hope they have as they look forward to that day.

*Hymn #44 *How Great Thou Art* words printed on back

Benediction 1 Thess. 5:23-24

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?” by R.C. Sproul continues [Faith Alone, part 2 and Covenant] Wednesday April 22nd (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.”*

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.

CONGREGATIONAL POT PROVIDENCE LUNCH will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 28th, 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 APRIL – TODAY: 19th BK Decker, Kathleen George; 26th Lou Vissers, Gail Grissom. **MAY** 3rd Denise Sawyer, BK Decker; 10th Rebecca Hagedorn, Gail Grissom; 17th Joan Pretorius, Karen McKee; 24th Kathleen George, Nancy Davis; 31st Joanna Martin, Amy Holman

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise my soul the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

REFRAIN: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, vision of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. REFRAIN

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. REFRAIN

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; REFRAIN

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. REFRAIN

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. 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.