

*The Order for the Worship of the Risen Christ*

May 31, 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 Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4

PASTOR: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” And I said, “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

**ALL: “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**

PASTOR: “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created!”

\*Hymn #103 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* words printed on back

\*Congregational Prayer (to be prayed in unison)

**Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one eternal God in Three Persons, blessed be your holy name! You are great and greatly to be praised by all that you have created, most especially the crown of your creation whom you created in your image and to whom you gave dominion over your creation. We confess that in Adam we failed to obey, daily we fall short of your glory in our thoughts, words, and deeds; we are more sinful than we could ever imagine; and yet we rejoice that in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer, we are more loved and forgiven than we could ever dare to hope. To you, O great God, be all the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions and Answers 4, 5, and 6**

Q. What is God?

**A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

**A. There is but one only, the living and true God.**

Q. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

**A. There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

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

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

Scripture Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Sermon *Living in Time!* Rev. Alec Cotton  
Alec is Campus Minister (RUF) at Appalachian State University

Silent Reflection and Prayer (you may wish to read and reflect on the words printed on the insert)

\*Hymn #559 *Father, I Know That All My Life* words printed on back  
(Hymn Tune: BROTHER JAMES’ AIR)

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!**

**POT PROVIDENCE LUNCHEON – AFTER WORSHIP TODAY @ 12:15** in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to the feast! Entrée: fried chicken from Ingles with side dishes and desserts lovingly prepared and provided by church members.

**A CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** will follow immediately after the worship service next Sunday for the purpose of electing a new pastor, Rev. Steven Weis, who will be recommended by the Pastor Search Committee. An official “call” outlining his financial package as approved by the session will also be presented for your concurrence.

**FAREWELL TO TOM AND JUDY OSTERHAUS.** We will bid Godspeed to the Osterhauses and honor them after the worship service on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Tom and Judy are moving to Penney Farms Retirement Community in the greater Jacksonville, FL area.

**NAME TAGS** – If you would like a personalized magnetic name tag please sign the sheet that is on the table in the narthex.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR MAY – TODAY:** 31st – Joanna Martin, Amy Holman. . **JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>** Lou Vissers, Denise Sawyer; 14<sup>th</sup> Marsha Elliott, Rebecca Hagedorn; 21<sup>st</sup> Gail Grissom, BK Decker; Karen McKee and ?.

## HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you; all on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Lo! the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you; while in essence only One, undivided God, we claim you, and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

## 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. 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.

## FATHER, I KNOW THAT ALL MY LIFE

Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me; the changes that are sure to come, I do not fear to see: I ask thee for a present mind, intent on pleasing thee.

I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro, seeking for some great thing to do, or secret thing to know; I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.

I ask thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied, a mind to blend with outward life, while keeping at thy side, content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified.

In service which thy will appoints there are no bonds for me; my secret heart is taught the truth that makes thy children free; a life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

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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.

A recent High School graduate's address to his classmates at  
Gateway Academy, Houston, Texas, a school serving neurodiverse students

Hello, I'm Sam Brown.

They say there is a season for everything. A time to be born, and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to harvest.

I work at my family's ranch sometimes, and ranching taught me about seasons. Sometimes there is drought. Sometimes there is flood. Sometimes cattle get sick. Sometimes everything goes right. Every season teaches you something. And sometimes, the hardest seasons teach you the most.

The last few years have been the hardest of my life. I lived in what felt like one long, cold season. During that time, my family and I got the worst news.

My uncle, someone I was very close to, took his own life. I had just seen him. He came to my first Gateway basketball game. After the game, he hugged me and said, "Don't give up on anything." But he gave up on his life.

And... well... That broke me.

After that, I fell into grief. I was diagnosed with depression. I started acting out and getting into trouble. Because of my actions. I was sent to a boarding school for more than a year to try to heal. And that is where my season started to change. At first, I tried to act like other people so I would fit in. I thought if I pretended to be someone else, I would be accepted. But one counselor told me something I will never forget, "Stop pretending. Just be yourself."

That was hard to hear. But over time, it changed me. I started to understand that when I showed respect, I got respect back. I learned that being myself was stronger than pretending to be someone else. Life has seasons. There is a time to break down. And there is a time to build yourself back up. There is also a time to heal. Gateway Academy gave me that time....

I also want to thank my family. Mom, Dad, you never gave up on me. You believed in me when things were hard. You gave me support and a place to call home....

Life can surprise you. Sometimes it feels like the hard times will last forever. But they do not. Things change. Seasons change. When life gets difficult, lean on the people around you. Friends, family, teachers. They help you keep going ... Bad times don't last.

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