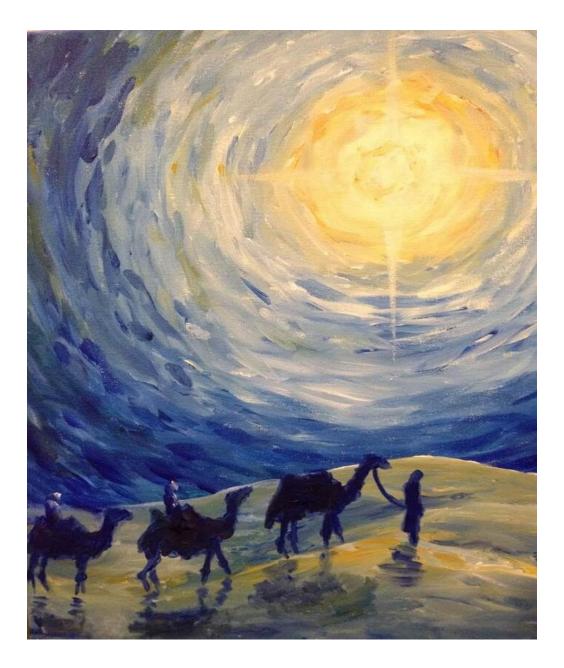


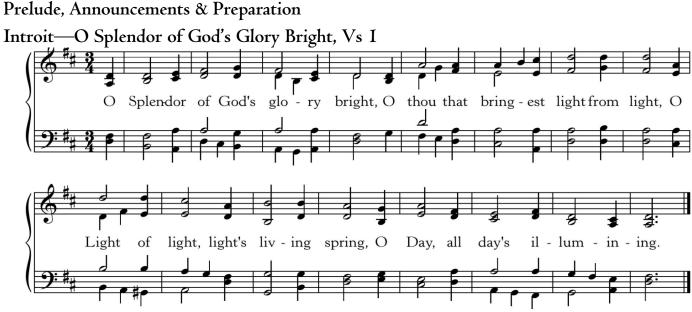
# CORNERSTONE Presbyterian Church



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Second Sunday in Epiphany 19 January 2020

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.



#### Text: St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorious, 1571-1621.

## Call to Worship—from Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

- All: Come into His presence with singing!
- Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His;
- All: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
- All: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
- Pastor: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness endures to all generations.

## Hymn of Praise—Psalm 100: All Earth With Joy





Text: Psalm 100; Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665, Arr, in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668

## Hymn of Praise—Glory be to God the Father



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#### New Testament Reading—I Peter 4:7-11

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

#### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.



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#### Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on Philippians 2:1-8

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You tell us that if we are in Christ,

there is great encouragement, comfort in love, and participation in the Spirit.

- All: But we often lack the affection and sympathy that should be a sign of this.
- Pastor: We are not of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

## All: Instead, we are anxious about our own ideas and sometimes we use love to exclude instead of binding together. Pastor: We operate from a position of selfish ambition and conceit

and do not have the humility to count others as more significant than ourselves.

All: We look only to our own interests and not to the interests of others.

Pastor: O Lord, give us the mind of Christ-

to serve one another without thought of status or position.

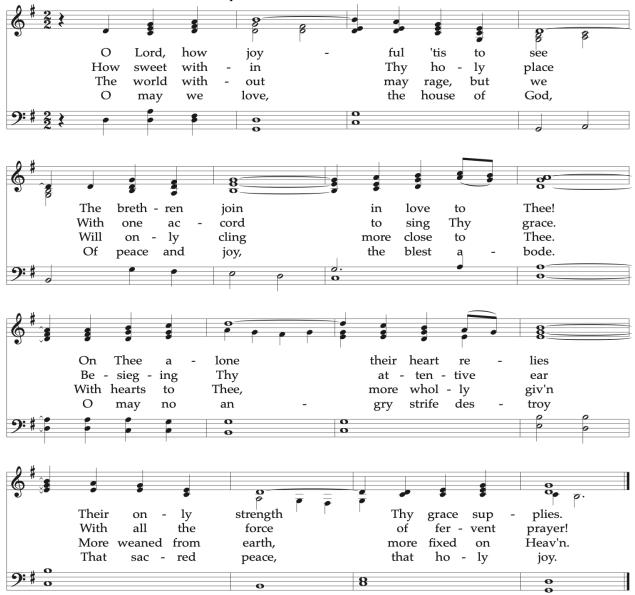
May we know what it is to be truly humble and emptied of self and to wholly love.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon—from Matthew 20:28 & I Peter I:18-19

Christ came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

## Hymn of Praise—O Lord, How Joyful Tis to See



Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, Tr by John Chandler, 1837, based on Psalm 133; Music: American Folk Melody

### Sacrament of Baptism

"For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. 'And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.' Therefore, believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house." (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31)

#### Parental Vows:

- I. Do you acknowledge your own, as well as your child's, need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises for her, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for her salvation, just as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now consecrate your child to God; will you in humble reliance upon His sovereign grace set before her a godly example—praying with and for her, teaching her the good hope of the Gospel, opening to her the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

#### Congregational Vow:

Will you as a covenant community joyously commit to assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

# GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

## The Reading of the Word—Galatians 5:1, 13-14

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

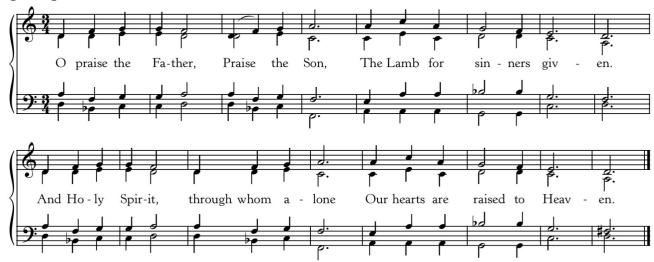
<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

#### Sermon—For Freedom Set Free, Part 3

Freely Bound: When Serving One Another Becomes Your Heart's Desire —Nate Shurden, Pastor



Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

## Profession of Faith-The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places





#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

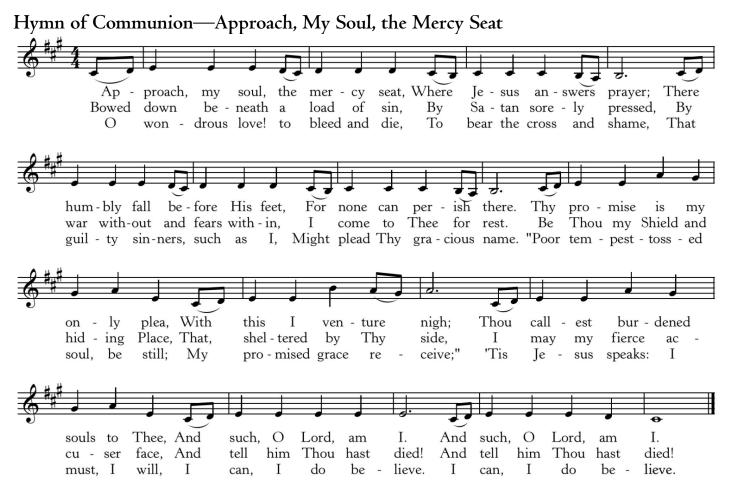
## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

#### Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

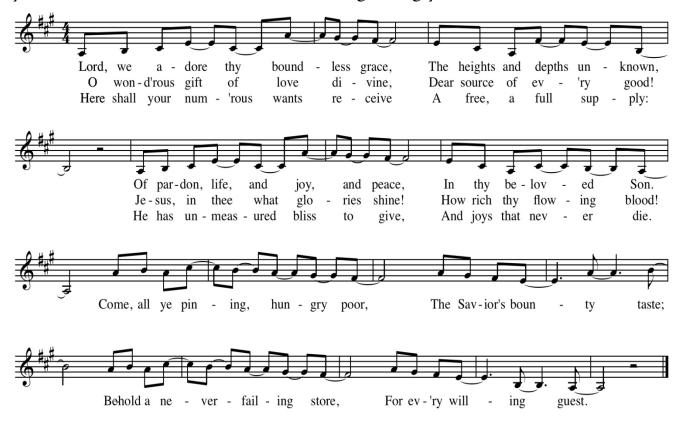
If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.



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Hymn of Communion—Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor



CCLI #11121087 ©Red Mountain Hymns Text: Anne Steel, 1716-1778; Music: Brian T. Murphy.

## Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

# Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise—Awake My Zeal, Awake My Love



Text: Vs I-4, Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: TALLIS CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1560.

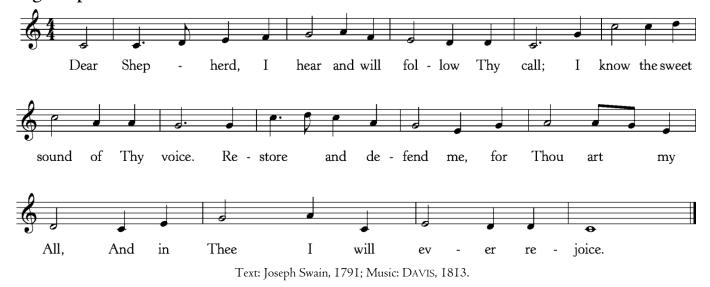
# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

## Benediction—from II Thessalonians I:11-12

May our God make us worthy of His calling and may He fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in us, and us in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.* 

#### Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II



**Prayer Focus**—Harvest Prison Ministry (HPM) was founded in 2002 as an outreach of Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, Mt. Juliet, TN for the sole purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the men behind the walls, and for "the equipping of the saints to do the work of the ministry." Its vision is to see more men reconciled to God and their families, and to aide them both prayerfully and financially to re-enter society enabled by the grace of God to live godly and productive lives. Rick Allen and Richard Jennings, from the Nashville Presbytery, currently minister at both Riverbend Maximum Security Institution (RMSI) and Lois M. DeBerry Special Needs Facility (DSNF) six days a week. And, HPM is the only reformed ministry at those facilities. Rick Allen has asked us to pray for the following:

- ALFONZO—He has been down for over 26 years and is a believer. I have been mentioning him at Riverbend. Please pray for his upcoming parole hearing. He is asking for God's will to be done.
- MARTIN—He has cancer and is at DSNF. He loves the Lord and is part of our weekly bible study.
- JAMES—He is also at DSNF and has a number of physical issues. He attends our bible study but I'm not sure if he's a believer.
- ROGER—Roger is in for murdering his mother. I have been meeting with him for a few years. He has professed Christ but as one would imagine has serious mental issues. Pray he will trust God's mercy and grace.
- EDDIE—Eddie is a young man who got caught up in the drug scene. He lost a leg in a shoot out. Just recently he broke his other leg getting out of bed. He is a faithful member of our bible study and encourages the other men in the unit at DSNF.

Today's message, "Freely Bound: When Serving One Another Becomes Your Heart's Desire" from Galatians 5:1, 13-14. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- It has been said that Christians are free from the law in one sense and not free from the law in another sense. Can you explain this? How is this principle expressed in Galatians 5:1, 13-14?
- Culturally, being free means being an individual, while Christian freedom means being bound together in loving service. Why the difference?
- How is loving service to one another an expression of Christian freedom?
- How is the cross of Jesus Christ on display in Galatians 5:1, 13-14?
- What in today's message or in this series have you most need to hear? Practically, what would living with an increased experience of Christian freedom look like for you this year?

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