

# CORNERSTONE

## Presbyterian Church



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Resurrection Sunday

17 April 2022

## Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

Holy week is the crescendo of the Christian calendar, because the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ are the center of the Christian faith. And the cross and resurrection are the center of Christian faith because the greatest need of every person who has ever lived is salvation.

Why do I say that your greatest need and mine is salvation? Because a day is coming when you and I will die. And after death, comes the judgment (Acts 17:31; Hebrews 9:27). At the judgment, the state of our souls will be judged by God. If you have never trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation, you will spend eternity away from God in torment because of the guilt of your sin. But if you know Jesus Christ and have committed your life to him, you already know the joy and peace of salvation, and you look forward to the day of Christ's return and dwelling with him in the New Heavens and New Earth (Revelation 21).

As Christians, we believe and celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ took the penalty for our sin on the cross and defeated our last enemy, death. Through his atoning death and victorious resurrection, salvation is secured for anyone who will call upon the name of the Lord (Romans 10:13).

If that's you today, praise the Lord! You are secure in Christ by faith in the finished work of Jesus, sealed for the day of redemption. But if that's not you, if you do not know the certainty, comfort, and joy of salvation, then you're in the right place. In fact, the Scripture tells us God knows all things and has planned all things. That means it's no mistake you're here today. In worship, seek the Lord while he may be found (Isaiah 55:6), for today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).

By God's grace, I pray you will come to know Jesus Christ savingly. What a glorious thing it would be on Resurrection Sunday for your soul to experience resurrection life and power! That is my prayer for you. That having entered the chapel without Christ, you will leave in loving fellowship with him, walking in newness of life. Fly to him! Call upon him! He will answer you.

Your servant,

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Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

#### Choral Prelude—Christ is Arisen

Christ is arisen, alleluia! This day is Christ arisen, alleluia. This day is Christ arisen truly from the dead. Alleluia!

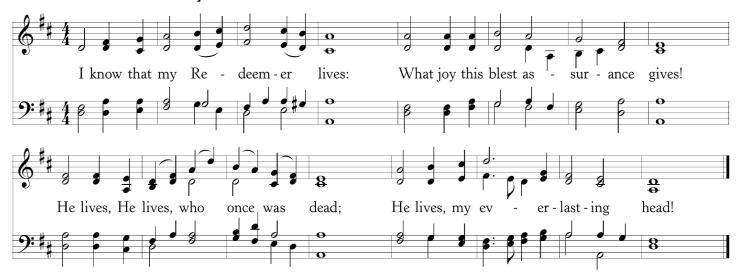
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## Announcements, and Preparation

## 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.

## Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

### Call to Worship—Romans I:3-5; Job 19:25

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: For Jesus Christ our Lord is declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit

of holiness by His resurrection from the dead—through whom we have received grace.

All: I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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All: He is risen indeed!



Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica, 1708.

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### New Testament Reading—Luke 24:I-I2

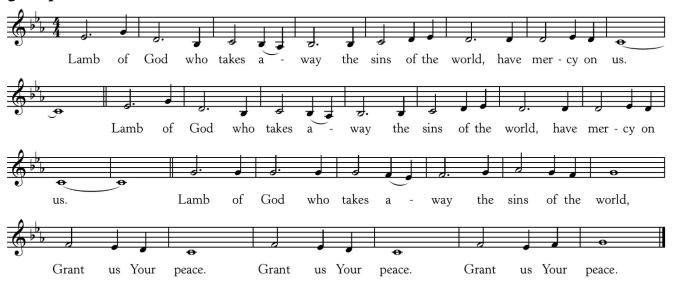
But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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.

## Sung Response—Lamb of God



Text: John I:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

### Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on I Corinthians 15:12-20

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Christ is proclaimed as risen from the dead.

All: But we act as if there was no resurrection of the dead.

Pastor: But if there is no resurrection of the dead then not even Christ has been raised.

All: Our faith is in vain because we act as if Christ has not been raised.

Pastor: We misrepresent God because we testify that He raised Christ from the grave,

All: But we live functionally like there is no resurrection.

Pastor: For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

All: And if Christ has not been raised, our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.

Pastor: If in Christ we have hope in life only,

All: We are of all people most to be pitied.

Pastor: But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead,

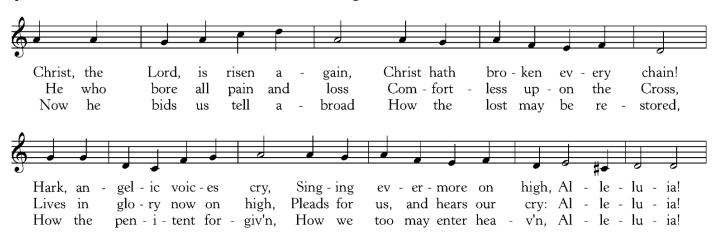
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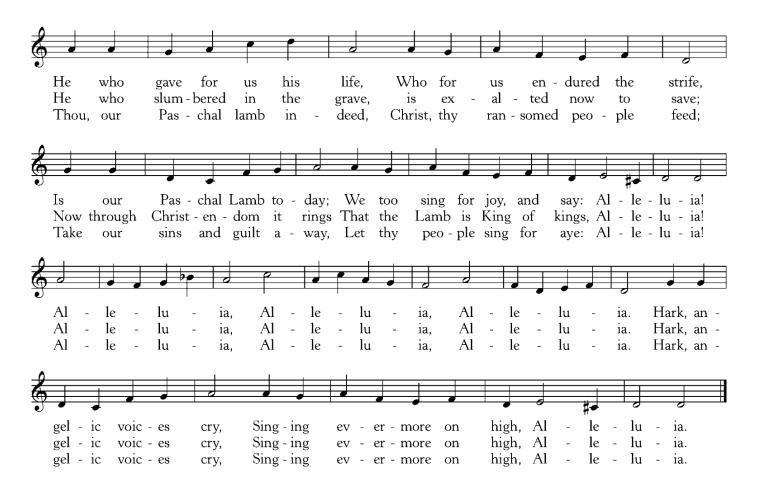
#### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—II Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

## Hymn of Praise—Christ the Lord Is Risen Again





Text: Michael Weisse, c. 1480-1534, Tr Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78; Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, German Carol, 12<sup>th</sup> century.

## Sacrament of Baptism —Gabriel Patrick "Pat" O'Roark, Son of Matthew & Rachel O'Roark

"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:

- 1. 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 him, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for his 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 him a godly example—praying with and for him, teaching him the good hope of the Gospel, opening to him the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring him 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?

## The Reading of the Word—I Peter I:3-5

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Easter Hope

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor* 



CCLI #11121087 Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

## 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.

#### 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. Proceed to the first table for the bread, and then on the second for wine/juice.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

## Hymn of Praise—How Deep the Father's Love For Us



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## Hymn of Praise—Glory to God! The Morn Appointed Breaks



Text: John Brownlie, Hymns of the Early Church, 1913; Music: Greyfriars, 2016

## 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—Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!



Text: James S.B. Monsell, 1863; Music: FOUNT OF GLORY, R.W. Thompson, 1864, Adapted GDW. ©2010 Greyfriars Press

#### 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.

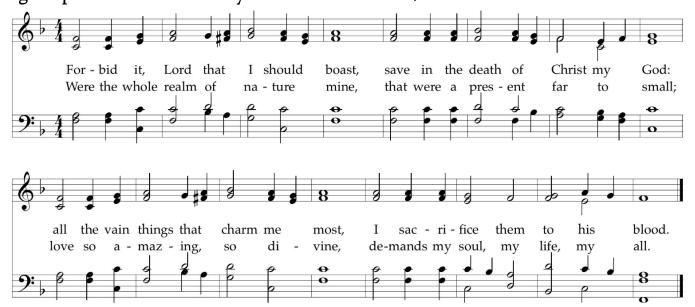
#### Benediction—Revelation 5:11-12

Pastor: I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Christ is risen!

#### All: He is risen indeed!

## Sung Response—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Vs 2 & 4



Text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709; Music: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant, Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.

Missions Prayer Focus—Tim Tan is a church planter for the Nashville Presbytery and senior pastor of Crossroads of the Nations. His wife, Phemie, heads up their evening ESL and children's programs.

- May we grow from the experiences that COVID created and to learn to trust God even more.
- Please intercede for the church that we grow as we seek the welfare of the non-believers who came through our doors. Also, may the Holy Spirit help us to be patience and rest in the fact that God's work done in God's way will never lack supply.
- Pray for the stepping up of potential elders and deacons as we move towards particularization in the PCA.
- Pray for more volunteers to aid in teaching English as Second Language (in person or zoom.)

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out the visitor card available in the pew in front of you.

Please drop it in the offering boxes at either chapel entrance as you leave.

## Focus on Church Ministry

#### Deeper Together: in Prayer

All Cornerstone Women are invited to come to The Chapel at 6:30 p.m. on April 21 for our first event in our *Deeper Together* series. We will enjoy desserts and coffee, fellowship, fun, and hear from one of our own dear sisters. There is no charge for this event, but please let us know you're coming through the form on the website.

#### The Cornerstone School of Discipleship Sundays, 9:45 a.m. - New classes begin April 24

Core Class: Understanding the Bible

If you are reading the Bible and interpreting its message, you are using some principles in the process whether you know it or not. Over the course of five weeks, this Core Class in our School of Discipleship will help you with personal Bible reading and study. We will identify and explain tested principles you can use to get a solid understanding of a biblical text and see how all of Scripture is about Jesus Christ. Taught by Tony Giles, The Chapel Elective Class: Loving Well - Learning to Embrace One Another as Saints, Sufferers, and Sinners

People can be complex, relationships can be messy, and loving each other well can be challenging. How do we understand ourselves and each other? How do we move towards each other in helpful and God-honoring ways? How do we love wisely in the midst of the beauty and brokenness of everyday relationships? This five-week course will give you a Biblical framework to help you pursue and love others as you are pursued and loved by Jesus. Taught by Ben Griffith, 3rd floor

#### Crisis in Ukraine

Mission to the World missionaries in Ukraine are facing the devastating reality of a Russian invasion. MTW is accepting donations to provide food, shelter, clothing, and other essentials to those affected by the crisis. You can donate and find updates at mtw.org/Ukraine-crisis.

#### New Devotionals

There are devotionals for Eastertide available at both Chapel entrances and on the church website. Make sure to pick one up and read along!

#### Vacation Bible School: Rooted

Join us at Jim Warren Park June I-3, 5:30–7:30 p.m. for VBS! We will be exploring how we grow in our faith by looking at God's design in nature. We want all Cornerstone members to take part! We need leaders, assistants, prayer warriors, and generous hearts willing to provide supplies or food. And of course, we want your kids—and invite their friends, too! VBS is for rising Kindergarteners—rising 6th graders. Sign up to volunteer and register your child online now.

#### Blessed - Summer Bible Study

Make plans to be at Cornerstone on Tuesday evenings beginning June 7 as the Cornerstone Women are led by Nancy Guthrie in finishing our study in Revelation. There will be opportunities to volunteer as we welcome many women from area churches, as well as times for fellowship. All the details will be made available on the Women's Ministry page of the church website in the coming weeks.

#### Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are thankful for all our teachers who give so much of their time to show Jesus to our covenant children during the Sunday School hour. We also like to try to give them a break during the summer! To that end, we are in need of three teachers for the summer Sunday school term:  $5^{th}/6^{th}$  grade,  $I^{st}/2^{nd}$  grade, and PreK/Kindergarten. Please let Meredith Suits know if you are willing to serve or have questions. elementary@cstonepres.org

#### Men at the Mercantile

Brothers, come join us for a fun night of fellowship at the Franklin Mercantile on Thursday, May 5at 6:00 P.M. We'll enjoy some delicious Mexican fare and introduce our summer plans. Don't miss out on the festivities! Sign up online through the website or app.

#### The Arts at Cornerstone – Listening to Vocal Music

There are two wonderful, unique, and free concert opportunities in West Nashville in May. One concert features the *Tallis Scholars*—a premiere world-class vocal ensemble from England. As part of our pre-concert prep, on April 25 we will introduce the music that will be performed, discuss how to listen to renaissance vocal music, and provide more details about going to these concerts together. Contact:greg@cstonepres.org

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