



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST CORINTHIANS



Growing Together in Wisdom

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Sixth Sunday of Easter

05 May 2024

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

As we receive an encouraging report today on the fiscal health of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (see report below), it's appropriate to briefly reflect on three key aspects of the Bible's teaching on giving.

1. Giving is a spiritual discipline that requires forethought and planning. At the end of I Corinthians, Paul speaks of the collection for the saints, and he says, *"On the first day of the week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come"* (1 Cor. 16:2). Notice, Paul teaches the Corinthians to set aside a portion of their resources each Sunday for giving to the work of the Lord and meeting the needs of the poor. Paul knows that if we're not intentionally setting aside resources and preparing to give, we will fall into the trap of using that money for other things. Setting aside your giving on the front end helps ensure that the Lord has first place in your budget.

2. Giving is to be commensurate with your income. In the passage I quoted above, Paul says to set "something aside" in keeping with how "he may prosper" you. He teaches the same principle in 2 Corinthians 8:12 when he says, *"For if the readiness [to give] is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have."* Paul recognizes that resources rise and fall, and that our giving will rise and fall, too. He's instructing us to give *proportionally*, and to not be bound by a certain number, dollar figure, or percentage. But to instead, let your giving track with the normal ups and downs of income.

3. Give generously, cheerfully, and sacrificially. In Luke 21:1-4, the rich were placing large sums in the offering box, but a poor widow placed just two small copper coins in the coffer. Jesus says of her, *"Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."* On the surface, this principle appears to undermine principle #2, but that's not the case. Instead, the Bible is placing us in *good biblical tension*. We're being called to look at what we have and consider our basic needs, and then *sacrificially* invest in work of the church. *The fact is we're not sacrificing if it doesn't cut into our lives.* We know we're beginning to practice biblical giving if we're restraining our spending in order to support the work of ministry (see Acts 2:42-47).

By placing these principles beside each other, the Bible's inviting us into the wisdom of a giving pattern that's discerning, generous, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 9:6-15). As those who have been given so much, let's not try to get away with giving as little as we can. Instead, let's joyfully prove our earnest love for Jesus Christ by giving to the church in a manner that reflects, even faintly, the generosity of the gospel.

3rd Quarter Financial Report

	<u>3rd Quarter Year to Date</u>			<u>2023/24 Full Year</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Giving	\$2,008,166	\$1,112,000	\$896,166	\$1,450,000
Expenses	\$1,087,641	\$1,087,551	\$ 90	\$1,450,000
Difference	\$920,525	\$ 24,449	\$896,076	\$ 0

Cash Position

Total cash position on March 31, 2024 was \$565,000

Major Projects

YTD renovation project expenditures were \$540,000 at the end of this quarter.

The Chapel mortgage was fully paid off this year for \$660,000

These expenditures are reported on the balance sheet and are not included in the budget expenses above. They impact our cash position, but not our budget performance.

Your servant,



Worship Notes— This Sunday’s sermon text is I Corinthians 1:17-25, in which Paul corrects the Corinthian church’s love for worldly means (wisdom, eloquence, power) rather than for the simple message of “Christ crucified” which conceals the power and wisdom of God. The *Call to Worship* from Psalm 19 speaks of God’s wisdom which pervades all of creation and all of His law, the law that “makes wise the simple.” “Rejoice, the Lord is King” as our opening hymn reminds us of God’s wise plan for our redemption, from creation to Christ’s second coming and instructs to “rejoice give thanks and sing” in light of this Gospel which seems so foolish to those who do not know its power. The *Old Testament Reading* from Psalm 2 instructs us that, though the nations and kings rage against the Lord and “the Son,” the way of wisdom is to “serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.” The *Prayer of Confession* comes from Romans 1 in which we confess that “claiming to be wise, we became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for earthly things.” The hymn following our Assurance of Pardon is “In Christ Alone” which reminds us that only the person and work of Christ is where our “hope is found; He is my light, my strength.” During communion we sing “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” in which we proclaim that to “trust in God’s unchanging love builds on the rock which naught can move” and even in the face of sufferings His word is a more sure hope than all the wisdom and power of men. The second communion hymn, “May the Mind of Christ,” is a prayer to follow Christ’s example, to “look only to Jesus as I go.” As our final hymn, we sing “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” with its refrain “On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.” — *Maxwill Shell*

Prelude, 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

I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!

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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 19:1, 7, 10, 14

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God,

All: and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Pastor: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

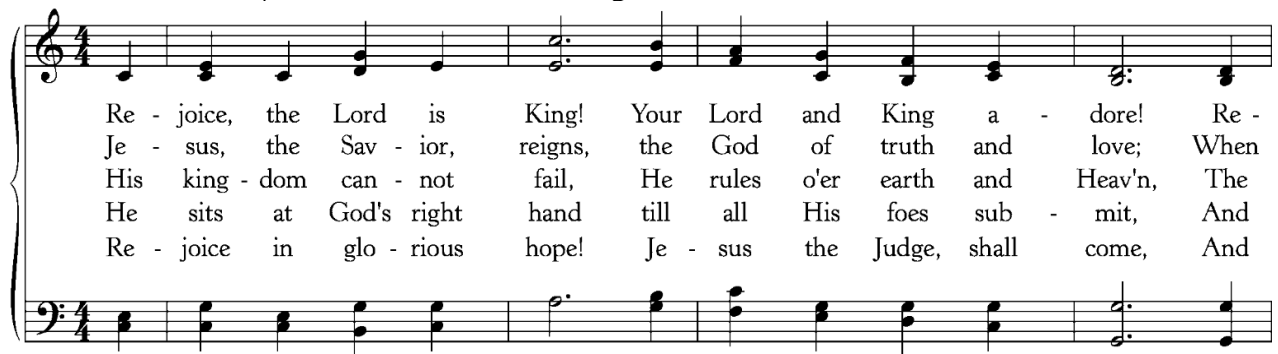
Pastor: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

All: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

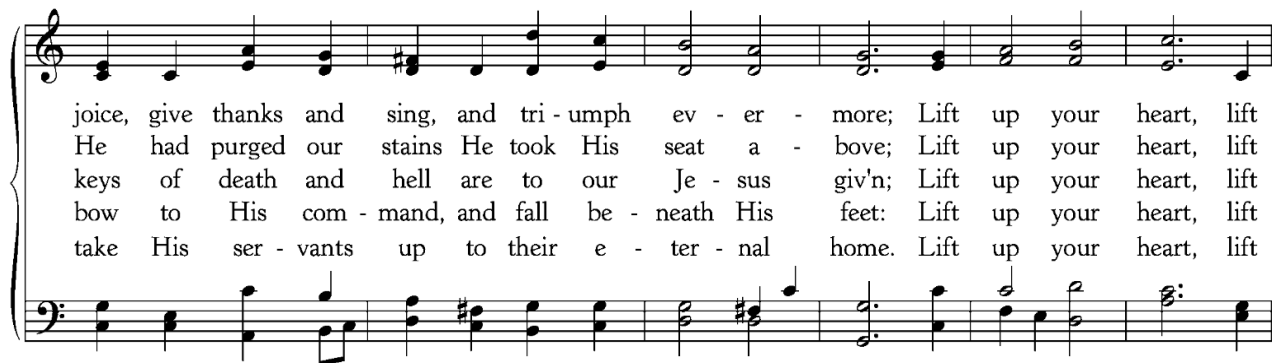
Pastor: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,

All: O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

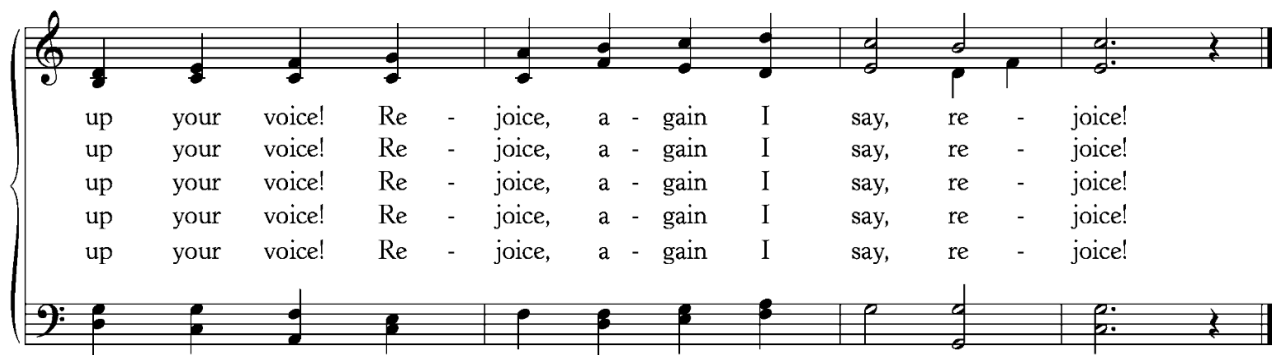
Hymn of Praise—Rejoice, the Lord Is King



Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love; When
His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n, The
He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit, And
Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge, shall come, And



joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more; Lift up your heart, lift
He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove; Lift up your heart, lift
keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n; Lift up your heart, lift
bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet: Lift up your heart, lift
take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your heart, lift



up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!
up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!
up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!
up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!
up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

+++New Arrivals, please wait in the Narthex to be seated.
Following the Confession of Sin, Ushers will assist you.+++

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

³“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD holds them in derision.

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me,

“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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 1:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Romans 1:18-23, 25

Leader: Lord, we come in prayer and confession.
Your wrath is revealed from heaven
against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of man,
who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

All: What can be known about You is plain because You have shown it to us.

Leader: Your invisible attributes—Your eternal power and divine nature—
have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world
in the things that have been made.

**All: We are without excuse, for although we knew You,
we did not honor You or give thanks to You.**

Pastor: We became futile in our thinking and our foolish hearts were darkened.

**All: Claiming to be wise, we became fools
and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for earthly things.**

Pastor: We have exchanged the truth about You, O God, for a lie
and worshipped the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—based on Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

+++New Arrivals are Welcome to be Seated+++

Hymn of Praise—In Christ Alone

In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in

song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Jes - us died, The wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His

cease! My com - fort - er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied; For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Senior Recognition

1st Service—High School: Jackson Allen, Zach Brewer, Emmaline Chapman Quinn Johnston,
Braden Millard, Katie Shurden, Ashley Williams

1st Service—College: Everett Vencel

2nd Service—High School: Lauren Cline, Walker Kessler, Vivian Kelley, James Patton, Lucy Raymond

2nd Service—College: Noah Aikens, Gabby Shell, Andrea Stowe

The Reading of the Word—I Corinthians I:17-25

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—I Corinthians: Growing Together in Wisdom, *part 4*

Preaching the Cross

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, Vs 2

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord Je sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your Ho - ly Church that we May ev - er - more sing praise to Thee." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Martin, Luther, 1541, Trans Catherine Winkworth, 1863, Alt. 2007;
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

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

Sung Response—Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho
high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.
san - nah in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est. A - men.

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Pascha Nostrum—I Corinthians 5:7-8, Romans 6:9-II

Pastor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

All: therefore let us keep the feast.

Pastor: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

All: death no longer has dominion over him.

Pastor: For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,

All: but the life he lives he lives to God.

Pastor: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin

All: and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

Hymn of Communion—If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee



If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,
What can these an - xious cares a -vail thee These nev - er ceas - ing moans and sighs?
Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent
All are a - like be - fore the High - est: 'Tis eas - y for our God, We know,
Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv - ing, Per - form thy du - ties faith - ful - ly,



He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days.
What can it help if thou be - wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies?
To take what - ever thy Fa - ther's plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent,
To raise thee up, though low thou li - est, To make the rich man poor and low.
And trust His Word: though un - de - serv - ing, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.



Who trust in God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
Our cross and tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
Nor doubt our in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
True won - ders still by Him are wrought Who set - teth up and brings to naught.
God nev - er yet for - sook in need The soul that trust - ed Him in - deed.

Georg Neumark, 1641, trans Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: NEUMARK, Georg Neumark, 1657, Mod. 2011.

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*

Hymn of Communion—May the Mind of Christ

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, Live in
May the Word of God dwell rich - ly In my
May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my
May the love of Je - sus fill me As the
May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and
May His beau - ty rest up - on me, As I

me from day to day, By His love and
heart from hour to hour, So that all may
life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be
wa - ters fill the sea; Him ex - alt - ing,
brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly
seek the lost to win, And may they for -

power con - trol - ling All I do and say.
see I tri - umph On - ly through His power.
calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.
self a - ba - sing, This is vic - to - ry.
un - to Je - sus As I on - ward go.
get the chan - nel, See - ing on - ly Him.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925. Arr. Gregory D. Wilbur 2007

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

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—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



My hope is built on nothing less than Je - sus'
When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me
When he shalt come with trum - pet sound, O may I



blood and righ - teous - ness: I dare not trust the
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and
in the whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my
then in him be found; dressed in his righ - teous -



sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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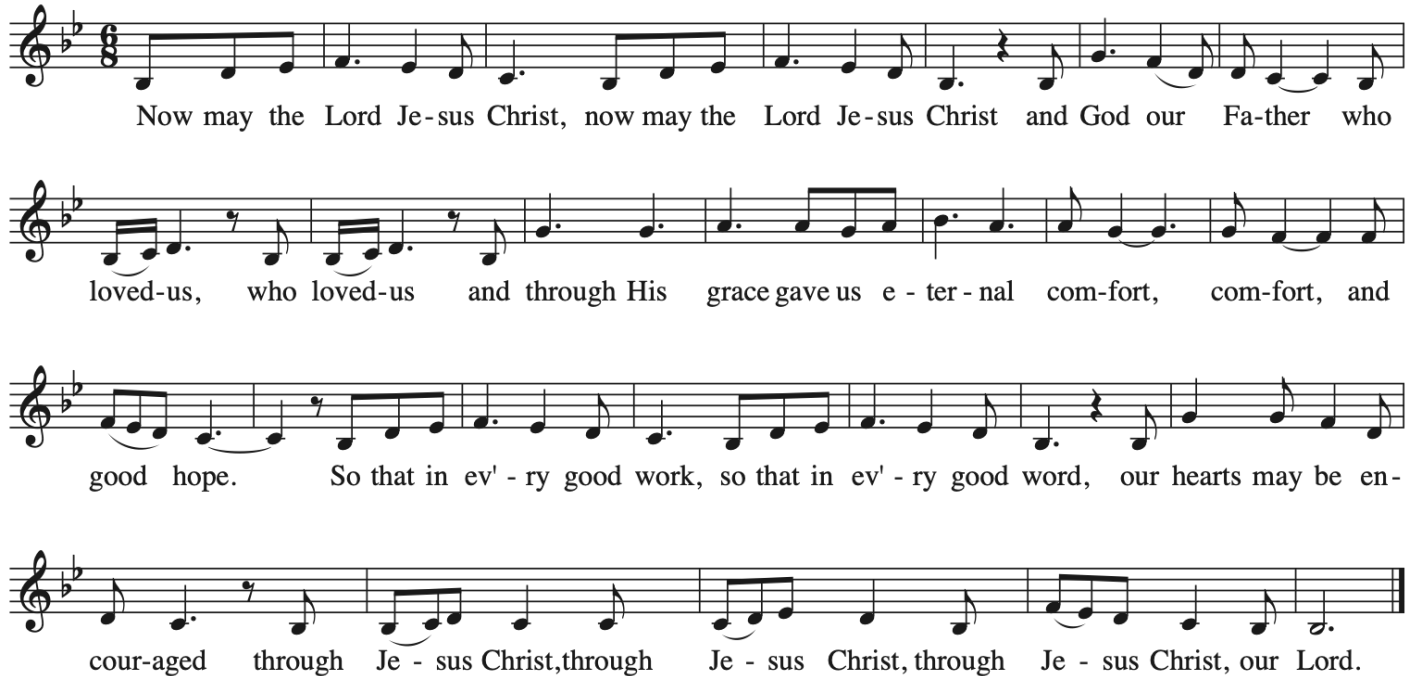
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sung Response—II Thessalonians 2:16-17 Now May the Lord Jesus Christ



Now may the Lord Je-sus Christ, now may the Lord Je-sus Christ and God our Fa-ther who
loved-us, who loved-us and through His grace gave us e - ter - nal com-fort, com-fort, and
good hope. So that in ev' - ry good work, so that in ev' - ry good word, our hearts may be en-
cour-aged through Je - sus Christ, through Je - sus Christ, through Je - sus Christ, our Lord.

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Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here!
We invite you to fill out a visitor form by scanning this QR code so that we may welcome you personally.
Alternatively, visitor cards are available at either entrance to the chapel
and can be placed in one of the offering boxes as you leave.



Focus on Church Ministry

Golf Tournament Fundraiser: Next Week!

Sign up now for a Golf Tournament at the Franklin Bridge Golf Club next Monday, May 13, starting at 1:00 p.m. to support our youth mission team heading to Belize. Scan this QR code to **play, sponsor a hole, or simply donate**



(to donate without registering to play, enter an amount in the first question of the form and leave all other fields blank). Thank you for helping our youth get to Belize!

Book Discussion: May 6

Tomorrow we will gather at The Corner House to discuss *All the Beauty in the World* by Patrick Bringley. This memoir shows the beauty of slowing down, looking around, and seeing the people and world that God has made. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6.

Upcoming discussions:

June 3, *The Ballad of the White Horse* by G.K. Chesterton
July 1, *The Princess and the Goblin* by George MacDonald

Life at the Corner Podcast

Have you kept up with the latest episodes of *Life at the Corner*? Tune in every week to hear Nate discuss a wide range of matters—theology, books, movies, current events, etc. Let us know what you think or submit questions to lifethecorner@cstonepres.org.

Women's Summer Bible Study

Sisters, mark your calendars for Tuesday evenings in June and July! We will meet in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday from June 11 to July 30 for the second half of *Saved: Experiencing the Power of the Book of Acts* with Nancy Guthrie. Bring your friends and invite your neighbors!

Giving

There are boxes for tithes and alms at both entrances to the Chapel, or you may give safely and securely online through the website and app.

Loving Franklin's Elderly

On the first Sunday of each month, a group from Cornerstone leads a brief worship service at Morning Pointe of Franklin. We'd love to have you offer friendship to the residents and lend your voice to the singing of hymns. Please join us after the service today from 1:30-2:15 p.m. Contact: ethan@cstonepres.org

Overflow Has Moved

Additional seating for services is now located in the Fellowship Hall.

Exploring Cornerstone

Want to learn about the history, beliefs, vision, and ministries of Cornerstone, as well as meet key ministry leaders? Interested in becoming a member? Exploring Cornerstone is the class for you. We will meet on Friday, May 31, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 1, from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Childcare will be provided. Please visit the website to register.

Cornerstone Youth

We will meet this Wednesday, May 8, for youth group from 5:30-7:30 p.m. *There will be no Wednesday night gatherings for the rest of May.* The summer session will begin on June 5!

Our last spring Sunday School will be on May 19, resuming for summer June 9.

Lost and Found

Did you know that Cornerstone has a collection of lost and found items? Check the lost and found in the kitchen to see if you've left behind any mugs, notebooks, jackets, etc. Items left longer than a month will be donated to GraceWorks.

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "Preaching the Cross," is taken from I Corinthians I:17-25. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- Can you explain how the word of the cross destroys the wisdom of the wise and thwarts the discerning (vs. 18-19)?
- Unpacking worldly wisdom, Paul says "Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom" (v. 22). How are you tempted by these worldly forms of wisdom?
- What must happen for the "folly of what we preach" to be savingly compelling to the hearer (see v. 18, 24)?
- Why is preaching God's chosen delivery method for the word of the cross? Does your attitude toward preaching match the esteem God gives it?
- How did today's message humble you? How did it encourage you? How did it lead you to worship?

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