

CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

The Sundays of Pentecost: Ordinary Time

18 June 2023

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

On the behalf of your commissioners—Ron Moffat, Jim Payne, Tony Giles, and yours truly—thank you for praying as we served this week at the PCA General Assembly in Memphis, TN. The Lord heard your prayers! The business was conducted decently and in order, the doctrinal commitments of our denomination were upheld, and a warm spirit of collegiality was enjoyed by elders and pastors alike. It was a wonderful week of spiritual encouragement and Godhonoring business.

This year was the 50th anniversary of the PCA, our Golden Jubilee year. In the Scripture, the year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25) was a year of recognizing God's favor and celebrating God's grace. Appropriately, at this year's GA we spent time rehearsing our denominational history and giving testimony to God's faithfulness to the PCA over the last fifty years. My heart is full of thanksgiving for the PCA and its enduring commitment to Scriptures, the Reformed Faith, and the Great Commission.

Now, speaking of the Great Commission, I am delighted this morning to welcome Rev. Andy Young, a Cornerstone supported missionary/church planter, to the Cornerstone pulpit. Andy

is ordained with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales and is the Pastor of Oxford Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Oxford, England. Andy has been married to Davina for 20 years and together have four wonderful daughters: Alicia (17), Emelia (15), Beatrice (13), and Arabella (8). By his own admission, Andy loves people, books and all sports. Coffee is addicted to him (not the other way around). And, as a native Welshman, Andy has, sadly, been consistently overlooked by the Welsh Rugby Union for selection to the national team. \odot



Andy is a gifted preacher, a faithful minister, and a dear friend. Last summer I had the privilege to spend a day with Andy in Oxford and see first-hand the work the Lord is doing through Andy and Oxford Evangelical Presbyterian Church. I am deeply grateful for his willingness to serve God's Word to us today, and I am thrilled that you have an opportunity to sit under his ministry.

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.

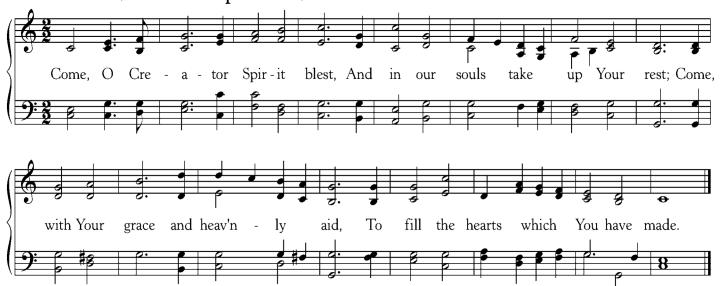
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

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—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs I



Text: Rhabanus Maurus, circa 800, Trans by Edward Caswall, 1849; Music: TRURO, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789.

Call to Worship—Isaiah 12:4-6

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,

All: Make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

All: Let this be made known in all the earth.

Pastor: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

All: For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Hymn of Praise—Give Thanks to God the Lord



Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

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

New Testament Reading—Romans 15:14-21

14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. 15 But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17 In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. 18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, 19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; 20 and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, 21 but as it is written,

"Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand."

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.



Text: J. Edwin Orr, 1936; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2018. © 2018 Greyfriars Press, Used by Permission.

Congregational Confession of Sin—based on 2 Timothy 4:I-8

Leader: Lord, we come in prayer and confession. Before Your presence and of Christ Jesus who will judge the living and the dead and by His appearing and His kingdom, we are called to proclaim the Word.

All: We confess that we are not prepared and ready to do so in season and out of season.

Leader: Instead of reproving, rebuking, and exhorting with patience, too often we are tempted to excuse, ignore or avoid bringing Your Word to bear in our lives and other's lives.

All: Too often we do not want to endure sound teaching, but would rather satisfy our itching ears with teachers that suit our own passions.

Leader: Instead of listening to the truth, we turn away and wander into myths instead of being challenged by Your Word.

All: Give us a heart to be sober-minded, to endure suffering, to work towards proclaiming the truth of the Gospel and to fulfill our calling.

Leader: May we give our lives away—being poured out like a drink offering.

All: Give us the grace to be able to say that we have fought the good fight, we have finished the race, and we have kept the faith.

Leader: Henceforth, we know that You have laid up a crown of righteousness to be awarded on that Day to all who have loved Your appearing.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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

Psalm 67: O God, To Us Show Mercy



Text: Psalm 67, The Psalter, 1912; Music: MEIRIONYDD, Welsh Hymn Melody, William Lloyd, 1840; alt 2008.

"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 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?

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Acts 12

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ²He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³ and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

⁶Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. ¹¹When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³ And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

¹⁸Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. ¹⁹And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

²⁰Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²²And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

²⁴ But the word of God increased and multiplied.

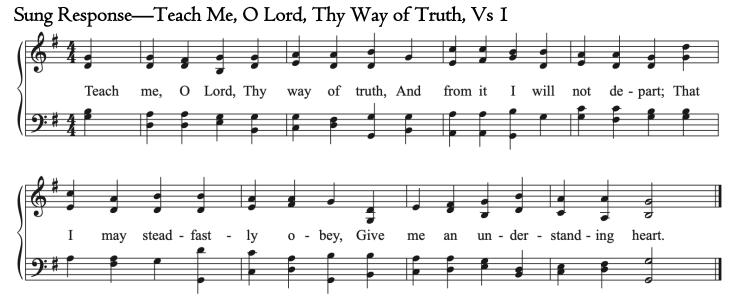
²⁵ And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—The Power of God through the Church's Weakness

-Rev. Andy Young, Pastor of Oxford Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Text: Joseph P. Holbrook, ca. 1878; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, ca, 1567.

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.

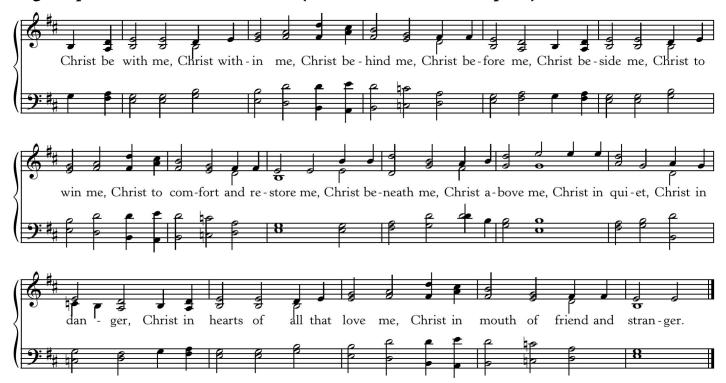
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

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—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)



Text: *Atomriug indui niurt tren,* St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95; Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody

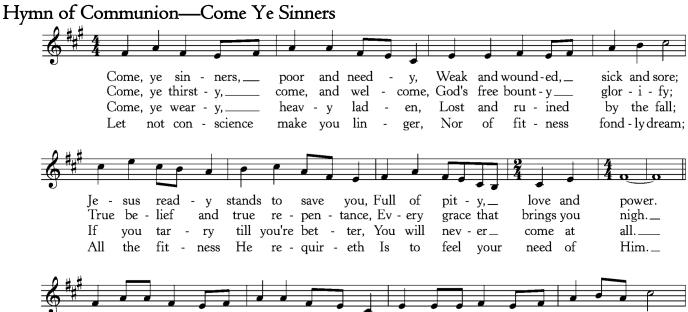
God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament & we respond in thanksgiving.

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.







Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Music: Southern Harmony, 1835.

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

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 106 O Render Thanks to God Above



Text: Psalm 106, Tate and Brady's New Versions, 1696, 1698; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2022

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—Mighty Lord, Extend Your Kingdom



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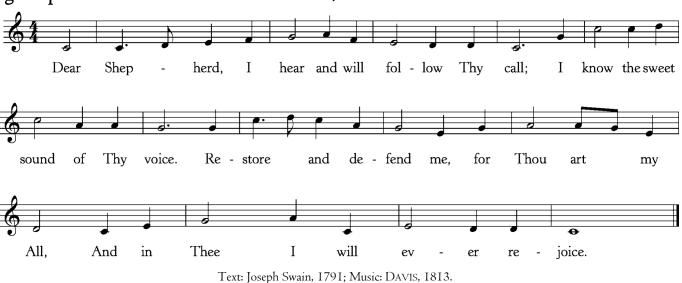
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. *Amen*.

Sung Response—O Thou in Whose Presence, Vs II



Missions Prayer Focus—Andrew Young is the church planting Minister of Oxford Evangelical Presbyterian Church, UK. This involves preaching, leading Bible studies, speaking at evangelistic events, doing church admin work, pastoring the church members, and serving in the Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales.

- Please give thanks to God that we have finished the first phase of building renovations on the North Gate Hall (taking out the restaurant and making it habitable for worship and fellowship) Since May 7 we have had our morning and evening services in the building and it has been such a blessing and joy. With the building being right in the very centre of Oxford, we have already begun to see new visitors pop in and join us for our services. Please join us in giving all the glory to our God and praying that we will continue to settle in the North Gate Hall and now God's presence and blessing.
- Please pray as we raise the funds to start the second phase of building renovations. The large basement needs to be totally renovated and the sanctuary developed with a wraparound balcony installed.
- Please also pray for the life of the church whilst all of this is going on. We have seen a handful of converts recently
 and we are taking them through discipleship, baptism and membership classes. We also have several non-Christian
 contacts who we are praying will come to know the Lord.
- Finally, please pray for my family and me. We heard last week that the rented home we live in is going to be sold and so we will have to move out and find a new home very quickly. Housing in Oxford is both expensive and hard to come by, and this has come at a very busy time of our lives. Please pray that the Lord will provide a new home for us and that this process will grow our children's faith and trust in our Sovereign God.

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

Standing Firm in the Faith—Cornerstone Men

On Thursday nights in July from 6:00-8:00 p.m., we will gather at Randy Allen's house (2940 McLemore Circle) for food, fellowship, testimony, and man-to-man talks from guest speakers. Please be sure to invite friends to join you! Let us know you're coming by registering on our website or the Cornerstone app.

Servant Group International—Book Drive

Last year, SGI's English classes served I14 women and 70 preschoolers! SGI would like to expand the program next year by offering more reading materials to the students, encouraging them (and their children!) to read at home for even more exposure to English vocabulary and US culture. We are collecting donations of new and gently used children's books (preferably not dense amounts of text), easy readers, and very easy chapter books. There will be a bin for collection in the side foyer this Sunday and next.

Youth Mission Trip

The Youth Group is heading to serve at a Joni and Friends family camp, buddying up with a child or teen with special

needs for a fun week at camp! The cost for each of our youth to attend is \$450. We are taking donations towards the trip through the church website and app, or you can scan the QR code to go directly to the donations page.



Mailing Address

We will no longer be using our P.O. Box. Please send all correspondence to our physical address:

136 3rd Avenue South Franklin, TN 37064

Summer Devotional

Please pick up a devotional at either entrance to The Chapel and read along with your Cornerstone family during Ordinary Time.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. to lift the needs of the congregation to the throne of grace. You can submit prayer requests to prayer@cstonepres.org or come to Cornerstone to be prayed for in person.

Young Adults

The Young Adults will gather on Mondays in July from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Allens' for fellowship and Bible Study. Please go onto the Young Adults page of the church website or on the app to let us know which dates you can attend. Contact Taylor at youngadults@cstonepres.org if you'd like to get emails regarding the Young Adults ministry.

Women's Ministries

Save the Date: Year two of our Reflect & Reset miniretreat will be Saturday, August 5, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at CCC's Harpeth House. More info to come!

Bible Study: We are gathering on Tuesdays in The Chapel at 6:30 p.m. for Saved: Experiencing the Power of the Book of Acts. You can find an introduction video from Nancy Guthrie on the Women's Ministry page of the church website, and personal Bible study questions are now available to download and print.

Oaks of Righteousness

Oaks of Righteousness is a non-profit working in Belize to support children through a sponsorship program. It allows them to receive an education, the necessary school supplies and uniform, nutrition and most importantly, learn about the love and grace of God. We currently have

thirty children in the town of Punta Gorda in need of sponsors. As a sponsor, your monthly donation of \$35 covers all of these needs. For more information or to sponsor a child please scan the QR code, or visit us at oaksofhope.org



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