

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*Second Sunday of Epiphany*  
*17 January 2016*

If you are reading this in worship, I want you to know something—*you are an answer to prayer*. Each Sunday before worship, I ask God to bring into our midst exactly who He desires would be there. Since you are with us today, I believe God has a blessing in store for you. I am prayerful as we worship together today, that blessing will be received and enjoyed.

To that end, this service of worship has been designed that we might know God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the summons to worship at the beginning to the sending out into the world at the benediction, that you might know God, the truth and joy of salvation, and be equipped to answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Following the service, feel free to approach one of our elders (the men who help serve the Lord's Supper) with any prayer needs or questions you may have. I believe you will find them to be warm, inviting, and eager to serve. Please know I would personally enjoy getting to meet you this morning following the service, so please stop by and see me at the front door of the chapel.

It is my sincere prayer that your experience today at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is one that blesses you spiritually and strengthens your faith in the Lord.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Nate Shurden

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.

## 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.*

### Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

#### Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I

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

## Call to Worship—Psalm 34:1-4, 8

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

All: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

## Hymn of Praise—Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,  
 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth, shel - ters thee  
 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee! Sure - ly his  
 Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee, decked thee with  
 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath

praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,  
 un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen  
 good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new  
 health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief  
 life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! let the A - men

now to his tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 how thy de - sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 what the Al - might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 hath not he brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Text: Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680, Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863;  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665, Arr. in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668.

## Hymn of Praise—Before the Throne of God Above

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect  
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me of the guilt with -  
Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea. A great high Priest whose Name is Love Who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in, Up - ward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my  
ness, The great un - change - a - ble I AM, The King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace, One in Him - self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His

heart. I know that while in Heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -  
free. For God the just is sat - is - fied To look on Him and par - don  
blood, My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Sav - ior and my

part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
me. To look on Him and par - don me.  
God! With Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

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+++Latecomers Please Wait to be Seated+++

## Old Testament Reading—Psalm 5:1-8

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.  
2 Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.  
3 O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
    in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.  
4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.  
5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.  
6 You destroy those who speak lies;  
    the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.  
7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.  
    I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.  
8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;  
    make your way straight before me.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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*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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### Sung Response—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.  
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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## Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Ephesians 4:17-32

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You call us to walk not as unbelievers do  
    in the futility of their minds—alienated from life with You  
    due to their hardness of heart.

All: Keep us from becoming callous, from giving ourselves up to sensuality,  
    from being greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

Pastor: Remind us of what it means to learn Christ—to put off the old self  
    which belongs to our former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires.

All: Let us be renewed in the spirit of our minds to put on the new self,  
    created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Pastor: As members one of another, we threaten unity by speaking falsely and not speaking truth with our neighbors.

All: As members one of another, we threaten unity by sinful anger and thus give opportunity to the devil.

Pastor: Instead of honest labor that provides something to share with anyone in need, we steal.

All: Instead of using our talk to build up and give grace to those who hear, we allow corrupting talk to come out of our mouths.

Pastor: May all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from us, along with all malice.

May we be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave us.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—Colossians 1:19-20

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

+++*Latecomers are Welcome to be Seated*+++

### Hymn of Praise—Psalm 73: O God, How Good Thou Art



O God, how good Thou art To all the pure of heart, Though life seems  
Ev - er, O Lord, with Thee, All shall be well with me, Held by Thy  
In earth or Heaven a - bove Who is there that I love Com - pared with  
O it is good that I May still to God draw nigh, As oft be -



vain. Bur - dened with an - xious care, I groped in dark des -  
hand. And Thou wilt guide my feet By Thine own coun - sel  
Thee? My heart may faint with fears, But God my strength ap -  
fore. The Lord Je - ho - vah blessed, My re - fuge and my



pair, Till in Thy house of prayer, All was made plain.  
sweet, Till I, for glo - ry meet, In glo - ry stand.  
pears, And will to end - less years My por - tion be.  
rest, Shall be in praise con - fessed For ev - er - more.

## Sacrament of Baptism

*Corbin Udell Meyers, Son of Dan & Julie Meyers*

"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?

## Ministry Report: Prayer Team—Jim Payne

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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### The Reading of the Word—Romans 15:30 & I Timothy 2:1-3

30 I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf.

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

## Sermon—Entering the Year on Our Knees, Pt 3

*Prayer in Community*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

## Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN

MEN      Glo-ry to God in the high - est!      Peace to His peo-ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!      Peace to His peo-ple on earth.      We praise

earth.      Glo-ry to God in the high - est!      Peace on earth.      We praise

You!      We bless You!      We a - dore You!      We glo - ri - fy!

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.      We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.      We give You thanks.

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## Profession of Faith—The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,<sup>1</sup> but belong—  
body and soul, in life and in death<sup>2</sup>—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup>

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,<sup>4</sup>  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.<sup>5</sup>

He also watches over me in such a way<sup>6</sup>  
that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;<sup>7</sup>  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.<sup>8</sup>

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life<sup>9</sup>  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.<sup>10</sup>

1 1 Cor. 6:19-20

2 Rom. 14:7-9

3 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

4 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2

5 John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11

6 John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5

7 Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

8 Rom. 8:28

9 Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14

10 Rom. 8:1-17

## Celebration of First Communion—Zade Oakerson, Son of Tom and Kristin Oakerson

### 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.*

### Hymn of Communion—Because You Are Chosen

Be - cause you are cho-sen, — called to be ho-ly, — be-cause you  
are the Lord's be-lov - ed, you must clothe your-self with kind-ness,  
with heart-felt mer - cy, in the meek-ness of hu - mil - i - ty. — So  
bear — you now with one an - oth - er — and for-give as the Lord's for-giv-en you.  
— o-ver all — these vir - tues, — bind them all to - geth - er  
in the Love of our Lord Je - - - sus.

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## Hymn of Communion—Chosen Seed and Zion's Children

Chos-en seed and Zi - on's child-ren, Ran - somed from e - ter - nal wrath,  
Still re - joice a - mid thy tri - als, Nor re - gard thy lot a - miss;  
Pleas-ant - ly thy lines have fall - en Un - der - neath the tree of life:  
May we mem - bers of one bod - y, Grow in - to a per - fect whole;

Trav' - ling to the heav'n-ly Can-a-an On a rough and thorn - y path;  
For the kind and lov - ing Sav - ior Is the source of all thy bliss;  
For the Lord is thy sal - va - tion, And thy shield in all thy strife:  
Grant, O Lord, that in Thy peo - ple, There may be one heart and soul.

Church of God, in Christ e - lect - ed, Thou to God art re - con - ciled,  
May He ev - er be thy por - tion, He Who gave thee life and breath:  
Here the tim - id bird finds shel - ter, Here the swal - low finds a nest;  
Who hath faith shall see sal - va - tion, Who hath love shall life ob - tain.

But on earth thou art a strang - er, Per - se - cu - ted and re-viled.  
In His keep - ing fear no e - vil Now or in the hour of death.  
Tremb - ling fu - gi - tive a - re - fuge, And the wear - y pil - grimrest.  
May, O Lord, Thy love poss - ess us, And Thy Spir - it in us reign.

Text: Anders C. Rutström, 1721-1772, Trans by Claude W. Foss, 1855-1935; Music: American Folk Melody.

### 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.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

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### 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—Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Jesus draw me ev - er near - er As I la - bor through the  
Jesus guide me through the tem - pest; Keep my spir - it staid and  
Let the trea - sures of the tri - al Form with - in me as I

storm. You have called me to this pass - age, and I'll fol - low, though I'm  
sure. When the mid - night meets the morn-ing, Let me love You ev - en  
go - And at the end of this long pass - age, Let me leave them at Your

worn. May this jour-ne-y bring a bless-ing, May I rise on wings of faith; And at the  
more. throne.

end of my heart's test - ing, With Your like - ness let me wake.

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

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*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—**Philippians 1:27**

Let your manner of life be worth of the gospel of Christ, so that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—**O Praise the Father**

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The bottom staff is in bass clef and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The lyrics are:

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.  
And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

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

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

God built within His people an innate desire to celebrate, to mark seasons and events, to set up “stones of remembrance” so that we do not forget His goodness and promises. One method that the Church has used over time is dividing each year according to the events in the life of Christ—a reminder of redemptive history. Although the Church Calendar is not prescribed by Scripture, it can be a useful framework or tool to help walk our hearts through the Gospel every year.

The major divisions of the liturgical year are:

- **Advent**—The four Sundays leading to Christmas; preparation for the coming of Christ and the need for a Savior
- **Christmas** and the Twelve Days—Celebration of the Incarnation and the Gift of Christ, our Redeemer
- **Epiphany**—January 6; Coming of the Magi for Christ is the Light of the World; Hope for the Gentiles; Kingship of Christ
- **Lent**—from Ash Wednesday to Easter; repentance and reflection; recognition that our sinfulness leads to the cross; intentional time to exercise the disciplines of grace
- **Holy Week**—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday; Jesus as King, Priest, Prophet; The remembrance that the shedding of blood was necessary for the forgiveness of sins
- **Easter**—Resurrection of the Living Lord; the conquering of death and sin
- **Ascension**—Christ in Power at the right hand of the Father; Christ interceding as the Mediator
- **Pentecost**—Coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church; God sends out His people as the Church
- **Ordinary Time**—The weeks between Pentecost and Advent; Living in light of the Gospel as the Church

On Epiphany we celebrate the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem and the recognition that Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies of being a light to the nations and his coming is for all peoples. We are also starting a four-part series on the biblical vision of the life of prayer.

## *Taking the Message Home*

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In our third installment of the series, “Entering the Year on our Knees,” we’re reflecting on what it means to pray with and for others by considering the Apostle Paul’s words in Romans 15:30 and I Timothy 2:1-3. Please take some time to prayerfully answer the following application questions and discuss with your Home Fellowship Group.

- How does praying with and for others both express and participate in the unifying and reconciling work of Jesus Christ in the gospel?
- E.M. Bounds notes that a leading sign of Christian maturity is “...less dependence on one’s knowledge or gifts and more dependence on the intercession of the saints.” Are you seeing this sign of maturity in your life?
- Do you have a normal pattern of praying with and for others? If not, what would it take for you to establish a regular pattern of prayer with and for others?
- If you were to commit to a weekly time of prayer with and for others, what benefits could you expect to see in your life?

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