

# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Third Sunday of Epiphany 21 January 2018

#### Welcome to Worship

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

## Sunday School Schedule

Nursery (basement)

PreK: Room 104 (basement)

Joe and Joy Marlo; Assistant: Kristin Lee

K/I<sup>st</sup> Grade: Room 103 (basement)

Teacher: Michelle Marshall; Assistant: Mark Elliott

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Room 10I (basement)

Teacher: Bob Wolk; Assistant: Anneke Seely

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Comenius Room (third floor)

Teacher: Ronda Laventure; Assistant: Julia Grounds

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Schaeffer Room (third floor)

Teacher: Charlotte Robinson; Assistant: Mary Lynn Giles

Youth (7th-9th and 10th-12th) at Merridees

#### Adult

The Chapel Class: Count it All Joy (Chapel)

Koinonia Class: The Westminster Confession of Faith (Kuyper Room 3rd Floor)

Exploring Cornerstone (Room 204)

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.

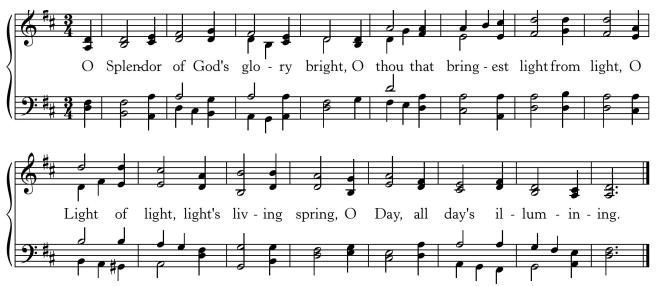
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

#### 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 Praetorious, 1571-1621.

#### Call to Worship—from Psalm III:I-5, 7-9

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

All: the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

Pastor: they are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

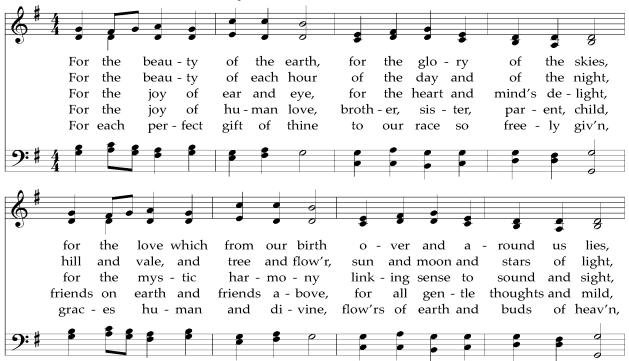
Pastor: Holy and awesome is his name!

## The Refrain for the Third Sunday of Epiphany—Matthew 5:14a, 16

Pastor: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light shine before others,

All: So that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

## Hymn of Praise—For the Beauty of the Earth





Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838, Arr by William H. Monk, 1861.

#### Hymn of Praise—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah



Text: Psalm 146, The Psalter, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839.

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

## New Testament Reading—Hebrews 2:5-9

<sup>5</sup>For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

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## 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 Preparation—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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## Call to Confession—Psalm 51:15, 17

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth will declare your praise.

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Romans 1:18-23, 25

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. 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.

Leader: 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.

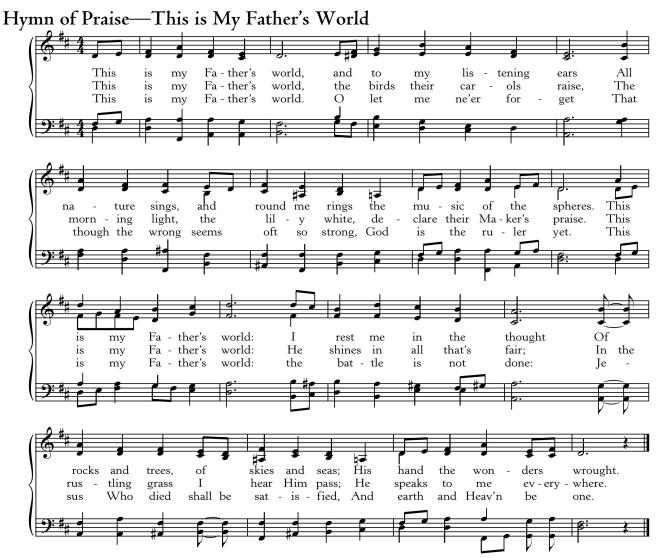
Leader: We have exchanged the truth about You, O God, for a lie and worshipped the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!

## Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin Sheppard, 1915.

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

## The Reading of the Word—Genesis I:26-31

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

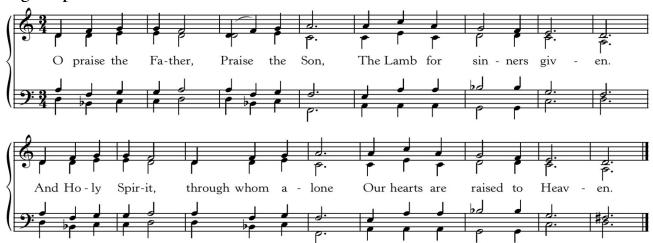
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, pt 3

The Image of God

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

#### Sung Response—O Praise the Father



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

## 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.

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

#### Matthew II:28-30 & Psalm 34:8

Pastor: Jesus said: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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#### Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

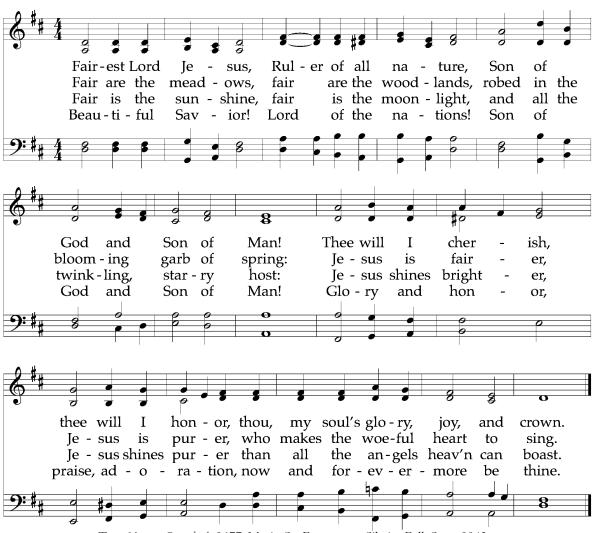
## Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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—Fairest Lord Jesus



Text: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; Music: St. ELIZABETH, Silesian Folk Song, 1842.

## Hymn of Communion—Rock of Ages



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

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

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

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

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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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

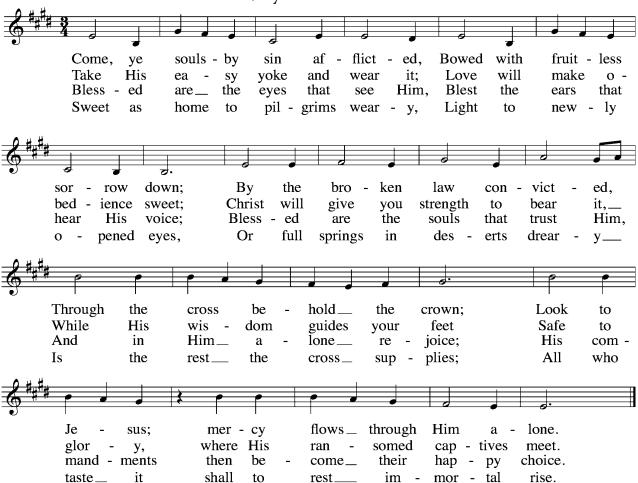
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

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

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

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

## Hymn of Praise—Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted



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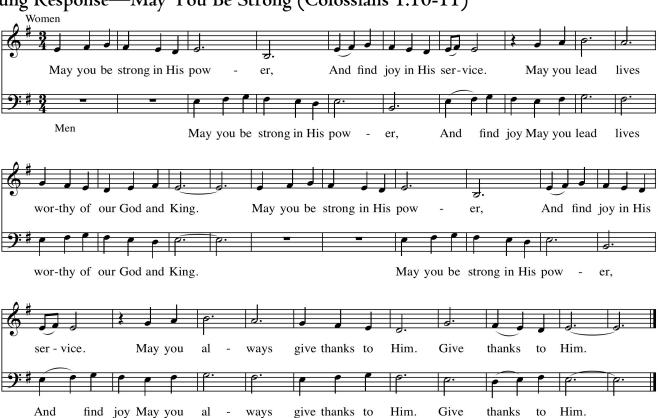
## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

## Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians I:10-11)



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**Prayer Focus**— Lee Leadbetter (Jen) is the Reformed University Fellowship International (RUFI) campus minister at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. RUFI is the campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America that focuses on international students. God is at work and has brought more foreign students to college campuses in the United States than to any other nation. RUFI responds to God's work and obeys God's Word by welcoming students from all nations and equipping kingdom ambassadors for Christ's worldwide church. RUFI seeks to reflect God's grace to an international audience by sharing hospitable deeds and gospel words in His Name with them.

- Praise for our 2 RUFI interns, Drew and Jenny, and pray for our unity and for effective shared ministry among internationals
- Praise for Linsu (visiting Chinese scholar) recently coming to faith in Christ, and pray for her transition back to China later this month
- Pray for our small groups that begin this month for students to join, for leaders to be equipped, and for God's Spirit to work
- Pray we would be able to expand our ministry by recruiting more RUF student leaders to serve with RUFI as we embrace and engage international students
- Pray for our Thursday night *Dinner and Discovery* event every 2 weeks. We invite international students and scholars to an on-campus venue for a free catered meal and then encourage them to stay for an optional small group discussion. Our theme this semester is "Making Sense of the Signs", an exploration of Jesus' miracles in the gospels.

## Home Fellowship Groups

River Landing-Jim & Gwen Smith

Second and Fourth Sundays, 6:00pm, Smith's house, Book discussion

West Nashville-Andy & Katie Patton

Every other Sunday, 5:00pm, Patton's house, Sermon discussion

Upper Room—Bob & Cindi Wolk

First and Third Sundays after Second service at Cornerstone, Sermon discussion

Liberty Pike-Dan Fiedler & Carl Ware

Second and Fourth Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm, Ware's house, Sermon discussion

Grassland-Steve Green & John Marquardt

First and Third Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Green's house, sermon discussion and studying Colossians

South Franklin-John & Allison Millard

Every other Sunday, 5:00pm, Millard's House, Sermon discussion

East Franklin—Mark & Lindsey Elliott

First, Second, and Third Sundays after the Second Service, Elliott's house, Sermon discussion

Fieldstone/Cottonwood—Greg & Sophia Wilbur

Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays, 5:00pm, Wilbur's house, Sermon discussion

Downtown—Joe & Josephine Haworth

First and Third Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm, Cornerstone Third Floor, Sermon discussion

Today's message, "The Image of God" is taken from Genesis I:26-31. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- What does it mean to be made in the image of God?
- Reflect on the way you try to "image" other things and the negative affect that has on your life.
  How would a stronger and more thorough embrace of the image of God ground change your
  own sense of personal identity?
- How does the doctrine of the image of God provide foundation and direction for our relationships and community life? Take time to consider what would happen if a stronger and more thorough embrace of the image of God were to take hold in our community at Cornerstone?
- How does our work as image bearers reflect and represent the work of God? Use your own calling and work as an example and discuss with those around you.
- As fallen image-bearers in need of redemption, what comfort should we derive from Paul words that Jesus Christ is the, "...image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Colossians I:15)?

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