

# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
28 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 101 (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 (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 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.

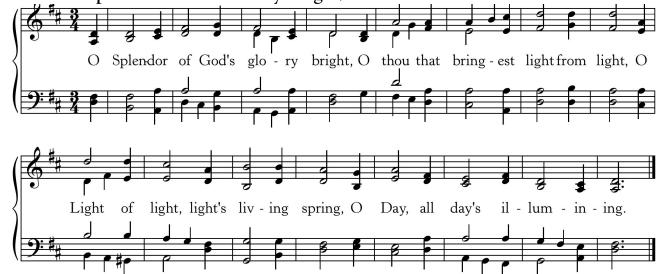
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

## 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—Psalm 62:5-8

Pastor: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

All: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

All: my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Pastor: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

All: God is a refuge for us.

# The Refrain for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany—Proverbs 2:1, 2, 5

Pastor: My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;

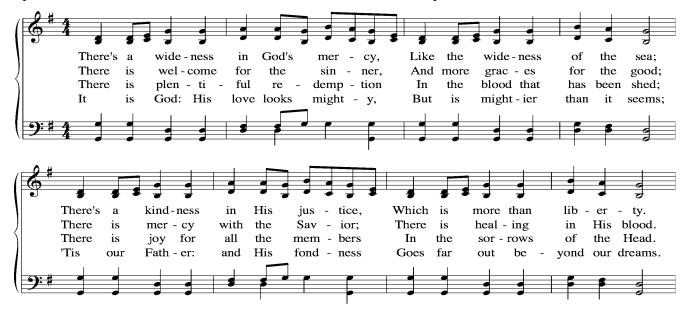
All: then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

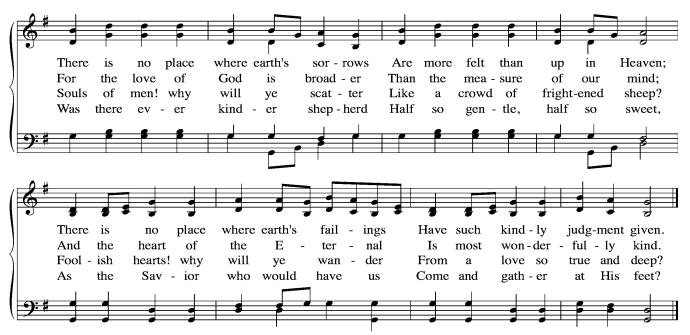
## Hymn of Praise—Rejoice, the Lord Is King



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

# Hymn of Praise—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy





Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Music: HOLY MANNA, Attr. To William Moore, 1825.

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

## New Testament Reading—Hebrews 4:I-II

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest,'"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

# The Refrain for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany—Proverbs 2:I, 2, 5

Leader: My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;

All: then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of 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 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 Psalm 130

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. From out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord! O Lord, hear our voice.

All: Let Your ears be attentive to my prayers and my pleas for mercy!

Leader: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

All: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Leader: We wait before You, O Lord, our souls wait and in Your word we hope.

All: May our souls wait for You more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Leader: May our hope be in You! For with You is steadfast love and plentiful redemption.

All: Redeem us, O Lord, from all our iniquities.

# Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon—Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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

# Hymn of Praise—My Faith Has Found a Resting Place



Text: Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; Music: LANDAS, Andre Gretry, 1741-1831, Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891.

# GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

## The Reading of the Word—Genesis 2:I-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

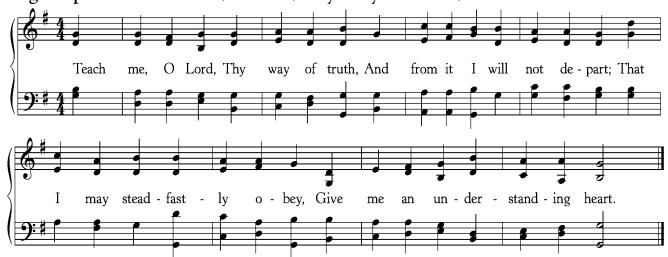
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, pt 4

When God Rests

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

# Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs I



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.

<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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## Sung Response—Gloria



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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—My Yoke is Easy



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## Psalm for Epiphany—Psalm 8: O Lord, Our Lord in All the Earth



Text: The Psalter, 1912: Music: KENTUCKY, Southern Harmony.

## 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—Jesus, I am Resting, Resting



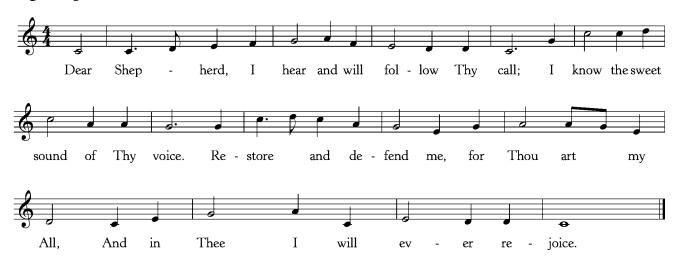
## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—from 2 Thessalonians I:II-I2

May our God make us worthy of His calling and may He fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in us, and us in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

## Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs 11



Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

# Prayer Focus—NHC Franklin Nursing Home

The NHC Franklin Nursing Home Ministry has a long history as a mercy ministry at Cornerstone since our establishment as a church in 2011. The purpose of the ministry is to show Christ's love by assisting in the monthly birthday celebration for the residents of NHC Franklin. The ministry team assists with serving the refreshments, interacting with the residents, and occasionally providing musical entertainment.

- Pray that the ministry team would be sensitive to the needs of the residents.
- Pray that the residents would feel loved and encouraged by the ministry team.
- Pray that the ministry of music would be a source of joy and blessing for the residents.

## 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, "When God Rests" is taken from Genesis 2:I-3. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- If God doesn't get tired (see Isaiah 40:28), why did He rest? There is more than one right answer!
- Derek Kidner says that the kind of rest envisioned in Genesis 2 is "...the rest of achievement, not inactivity." What's the difference in these two types of rest?
- Consider these words from Norman Wirzba, "When we become a Sabbath people, we give one of the most
  compelling witnesses to the world that we worship a God who desires our collective joy and good. We give concrete
  expression to an authentic faith that is working to deflate the anxious and destructive pride that supposes we have to 'do
  it all' by ourselves and through our own effort."
- What are ways that you typically "rest" that are not really restful? What is one of the ways that
  you could begin resting more like God and less like the world?
- What is the significance that at the end of the age we enter into the "rest" of our master (Matthew 25:21; Hebrews 4:11)?

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