

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

05 February 2017

During 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.

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

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing.".

O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O

Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing.

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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 66:I-2, 4, 16-20

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

All: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

All: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Pastor: I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

All: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

Pastor: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

All: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

Hymn of Praise—God is My Strong Salvation: Psalm 27

God is my strong Sal - va - tion: What foe have I to fear? In dark - ness and temp -
Re - ly on God Al - might - y; my soul, with cour - age, wait. His truth al - ways sus -

ta - tion, my Light, my Help is near. Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm
tains me, when faint and des - o - late. His might my heart shall strength - en, His

in the fight I stand. What ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?
love my joy in - crease. Mer - cy my days shall length - en; the Lord will give me peace.

Text: Psalm 27, James Montgomery, 1822; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

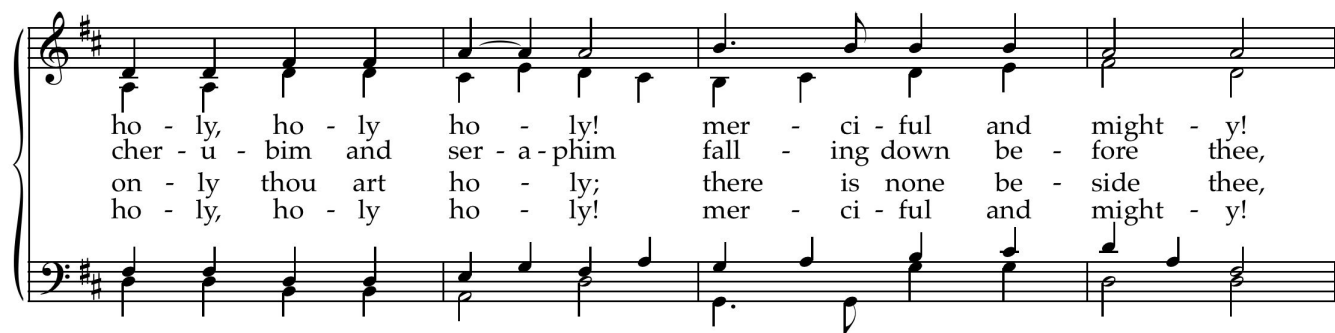
Hymn of Praise—Holy, Holy, Holy



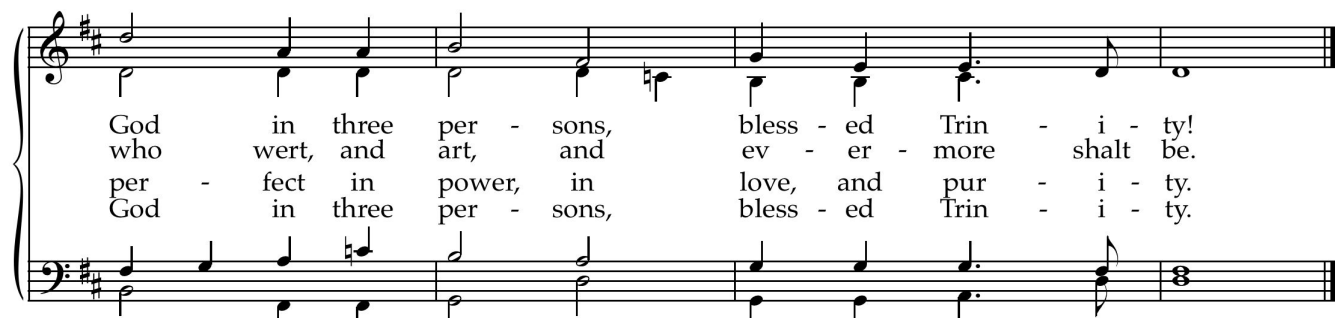
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;



ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: NICA EA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

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

The New Testament Reading—James 5:7-11

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers,^[a] until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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—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 Psalm 130

Pastor: 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!

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

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

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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—O God, My Joy



O God, my joy, You reign a - bove In ra - dant splen - dor and beau -
Sus - tained by joy in trial and pain, I trust Your wis - dom and mer -
Com - pelled by joy, I fight the sin That turns my gaze from Your glo -

ty. Your Word has drawn my heart to love The awe - some sight of Your glo -
cy. Through suff - 'ring that Your love or - dains, More like Your Son You will make
ry. Your Ho - ly Spir - it dwells with - in; His pre - sence arms me for vict -

ry. Your bla - zing light and gos - pel grace Shine bright - ly from my Sav - ior's
me. For Christ em - braced the cross of shame, Be - hold - ing glo - rious joys to
'ry. Let death and hell a - gainst me rise; Through death I'll gain e - ter - nal

face. No oth - er won - der would I see Than Christ en - throned in His glo - ry!
come. O give me faith like His to see That suff - 'ring lifts me to glo - ry!
joys. All pow'rs of hell will bend the knee Be - fore my great King of glo - ry!

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

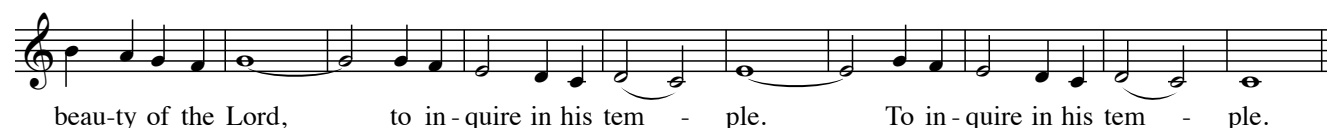
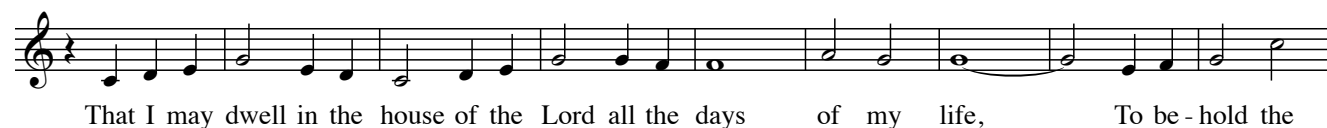
The Reading of the Word—Habakkuk 2:1-5

- 1 I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.
- 2 And the Lord answered me:
“Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.
- 3 For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
- 4 “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.
- 5 “Moreover, wine is a traitor,
an arrogant man who is never at rest.
His greed is as wide as Sheol;
like death he has never enough.
He gathers for himself all nations
and collects as his own all peoples.”

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sung Response—One Thing Have I Desired



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Sermon—Faith Amidst the Questions, Pt 2

Wait for It

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

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

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The lyrics 'Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That' are written below the first system. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the lyrics 'I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.' written below it. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That

I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.

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

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—Out of the Deep I Call

Out of the deep I call, To Thee, O Lord, to Thee, Be -
Out of the deep I cry, The woe - ful deep of sin, Of
Out of the deep of fear And dread of com - ing shame; All
Lord, there is mer - cy now, As ev - er was, with Thee, Be -

fore Thy throne of grace I fall; Be mer - ci - ful to me.
ev - il done in days gone by, Of ev - il now with - in.
night till morn - ing watch is near I plead the pre - cious Name.
fore Thy throne of grace I bow; Be mer - ci - ful to me.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1868; Music: SOUTHWELL, Damon's *Psalmes*, 1579. Adapted 1997. © 1997 Greyfriars Press.

Hymn of Communion—Rock of Ages



Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
Not the la - bor of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de-mands;
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eyes shall close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no re - spite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less look to thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Music: NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP, James Ward. 1984.

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

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.

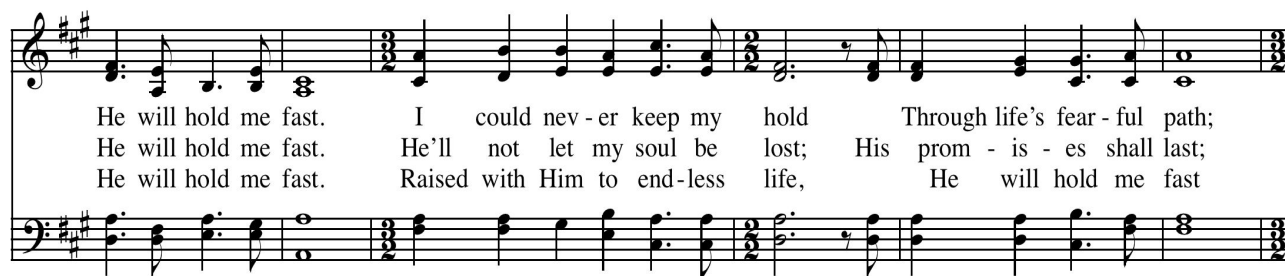
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

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

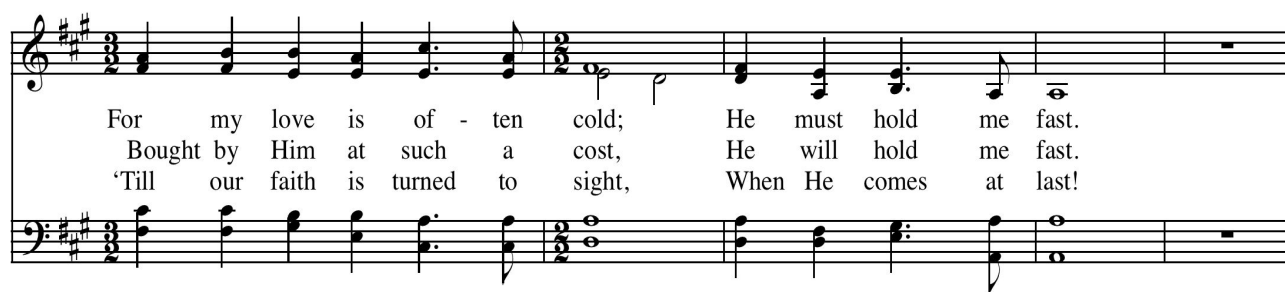
Hymn of Praise—He Will Hold Me Fast



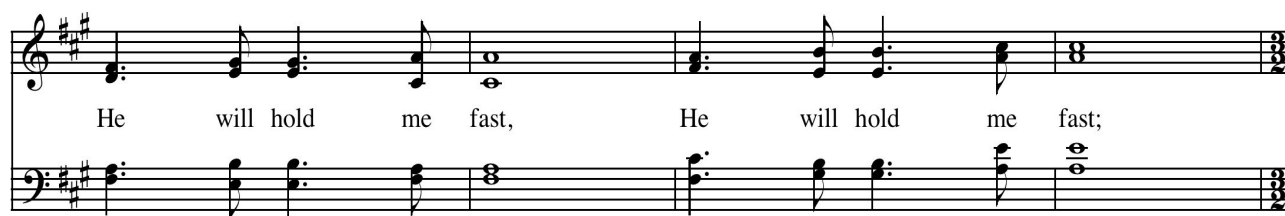
When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the temp-ter would pre-vail,
Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-ious in his ho-ly sight,
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Jus-tice has been sat-is-fied;



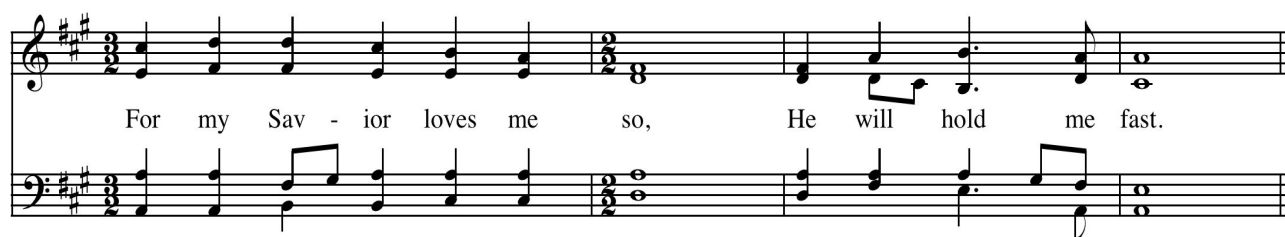
He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold Through life's fear-ful path;
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom-is-es shall last;
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is of-ten cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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 Romans 12:12 & Colossians 4:2

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. *Amen.*

Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians 1:10-11)

Women

May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives

Men

May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy May you lead lives

wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His

wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er,

ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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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 & Twelve Days**—Celebration of the Incarnation & 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

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First and Third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Cornerstone.

Today is the second message in our five-week series in the book of Habakkuk called “Faith Amidst the Questions.” The message for today is called, “Wait for It” (Habakkuk 2:1-5) Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- How does the positioning of Habakkuk in a watchtower (v.1) help us understand what it means to live by faith?
- God tells Habakkuk to wait for the vision, and even if it seems slow, continue to wait for it. Why is “waiting on the Lord” an essential quality of a vibrant faith?
- What temptations arise when we wait for a long time? What do we need to remain patient in waiting on the Lord?
- Palmer Robertson makes the point that “humility and hope” are essential ingredients in waiting in faith. Where do we see that in this text? Take a moment to discuss generally the relationship of humility, hope, and waiting in faith.
- Share something you’re restless about with your HFG. Explore openly how greater humility and a clearer vision of hope would help strengthen your ability to be patient in faith and trust the Lord (see James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5).
- How does Jesus Christ both fulfill the command to wait and provide the resources we need to continue waiting on the Lord in faith?

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