Wednesday Nights at Cornerstone March I – April 5

There's something for everyone as we gather as a church family for fellowship, relationship, Scripture, prayer, and song. This mid-week gathering is a great opportunity to support the week with spiritual disciplines and get to know other folks in the church.

5:30-6:00 Dinner*
5:30-7:15 Youth dinner and meetings (7th-12th grades)—Meets Upstairs
6:15-7:00 Children's Choirs (PreK-6th Grade)**—Meets Downstairs
6:15-7:00 Vespers service and Prayer—Meets in the Chapel
7:15-8:30 Easter Choir Rehearsal

The Vespers Service will include a time of teaching.

Our topic will be:

Practice Makes Perfect: Spiritual Wisdom for the Life of Faith

*Reservation needed by Monday at Noon; \$5/person & \$20/family cap

**Please register your child for choir so we have appropriate assistants & supplies.

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.

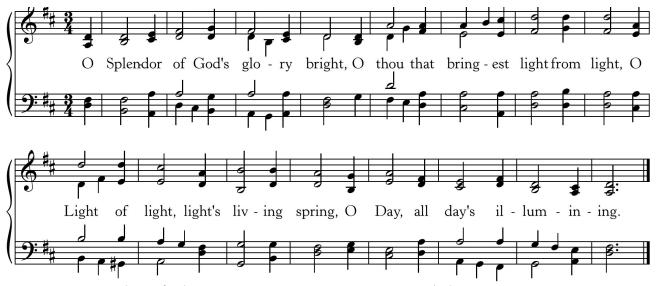
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

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 Praetorious, 1571-1621.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 46:I-5, I0-II

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

All: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Pastor: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; You utters Your voice, the earth melts. Be still and know that I am God.

All: You will be exalted among the nations, You will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us.

Pastor: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Hymn of Praise—How Firm a Foundation



Text: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

Hymn of Praise—Though Troubles Assail Us



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

The Old Testament Reading—Psalm 30:I-5

- ^I I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- ²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- ³ O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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 37:3-5, 7-8, 39-40

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You call us to trust in You and do good,

All: We have not delighted ourselves in You, Lord, and our hearts have not desired You.

Pastor: We have failed to commit our ways to You, nor have we trusted in You.

All: We are not still before You. We have not waited patiently for You, O Lord.

Pastor: Lord, teach us to refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

All: Turn our hearts from that which tends to evil.

Pastor: For the salvation of the righteous is from You, Lord, You are our stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Deliver us, O Lord. May we always take refuge in You.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 13:1, 5-6

How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever? How long will you hide your face from us? But we have trusted in your steadfast love; our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation. We will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with us.

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

Hymn of Praise—Amid the Throng, Psalm 22



Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 22; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song.

The Reading of the Word—Habakkuk 3:17-19

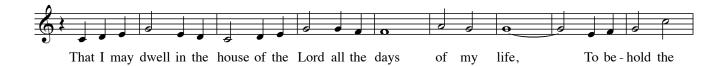
17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. 19 God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sung Response—One Thing Have I Desired







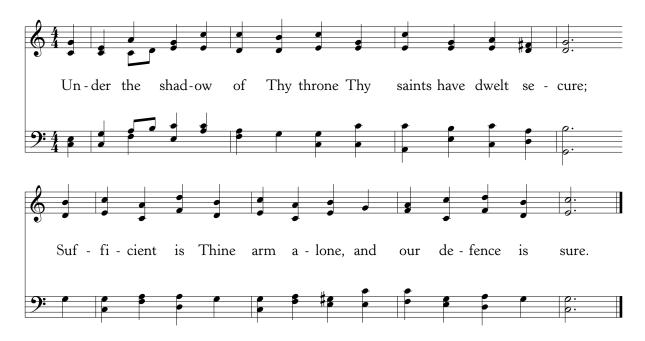
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Sermon—Faith Amidst the Questions, Pt 5

Walking the Heights in the Strong Joy of the Lord

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—O God Our Help in Ages Past, Vs 2



Text: Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727.

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.

^{* &}quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Celebration of First Communion

—Lydia Noelle Steffens, Daughter of David & Sue Steffens
—Cora Eve Zecher, Daughter of Daniel and Rachael Zecher

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

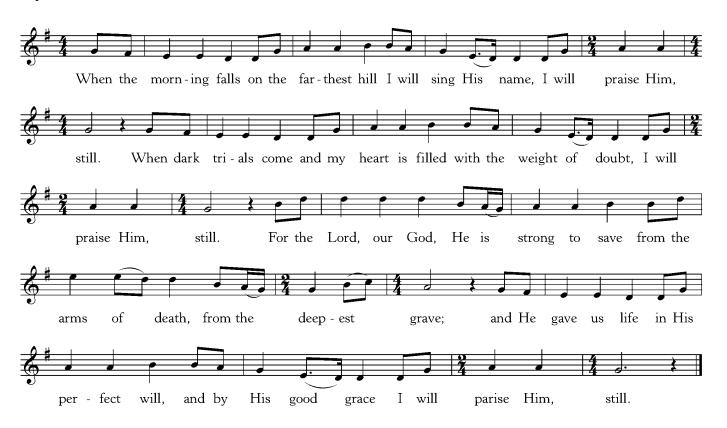
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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—I Will Praise Him, Still



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Hymn of Communion—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



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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.

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—In Christ Alone



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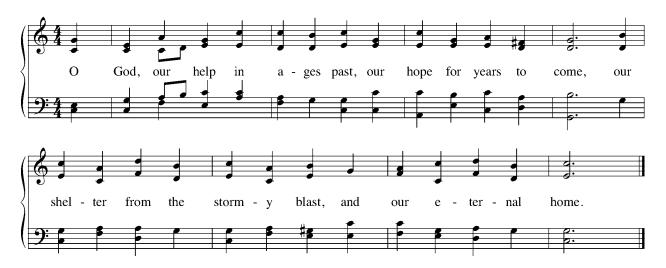
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O God Our Help in Ages Past, Vs I



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Mission Prayer Focus—Harvest Prison Ministry

Harvest Prison Ministry (HPM) was founded in 2002 as an outreach of Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, Mt. Juliet, TN for the sole purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the men behind the walls, for "the equipping of the saints to do the work of the ministry." Its vision is to see more men reconciled to God and their families, and to aide them both prayerfully and financially to reenter society enabled by the grace of God to live godly and productive lives.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw many men to faith in Christ.
- Pray for greater attendance at DeBerry Special Needs Facility Bible study and worship services.
- Pray for mercy for men at DSNF with serious health issues and few, if any, visitors.
- Pray that HPM would gain access to the "upper side" at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution where the inmates have little or no freedom of movement.
- Pray that more churches would join the HPM ministry with financial support.

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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Today is our fifth and final message in the book of Habakkuk. The title for today's message is "Walking the Heights in the Strong Joy of the Lord" (Habakkuk 3:17-19). Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- In today's message, three common responses to tragedy were explored—resignation, escapism, and false confidence. Take a moment to discuss each response. Which response are you most often tempted toward and why?
- Habakkuk shows us a different way to face tragedy. He finds strength in the joy of the Lord (v.18). What does it mean for the joy of the Lord to be our strength?
- How does an experience of the Lord's strong joy take us to the heights (v.19)? How has Jesus Christ made it possible for us to experience the heights in the strong joy of the Lord?
- Consider how you walk through life presently. How would your experience of life be different if the joy of the Lord was your strength on a daily basis? Practically, what could you do this week to "take joy" in the God of your salvation (v.18)?

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