

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*01 March 2015*

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

*The flowers this morning are in memory of Jeremiah Small, a member of Cornerstone who served with Servant Group in Iraq. Jeremiah was killed three years ago today.*

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—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs I

Be - hold the glor-ies of the Lamb A - midst His Fa - ther's throne. Pre -

pare new ho - nors for His name, And songs be - fore un - known.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1688; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

## Call to Worship—Psalm 145:1-3, 10-13

Pastor: We will extol You, our God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

All: Every day we will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great are You LORD, and greatly to be praised, and Your greatness is unsearchable.

All: All Your works shall give thanks to You,  
O LORD, and all You saints shall bless You!

Pastor: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,  
to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and Your dominion endured throughout all generations.

## Hymn of Praise—Glory be to God the Father

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo - ry  
Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain! Glo - ry  
Glo - ry to the king of an - gels, Glor - y to the Church - 's king, Glo - ry  
"Glo-ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings; "Ho-nor,  
be to God the Spir - it, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo-ry,  
be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo-ry,  
to the king of na - tions! Heaven and earth, your prais - es bring; Glo-ry,  
rich - es, power, do - min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings; Glo-ry,  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, While e - ter - nal ag - es run!  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the Lamb that once was slain!  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, To the King of glo - ry bring!  
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1868; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011. ©2011 Greyfriars Press. Used by Permission.

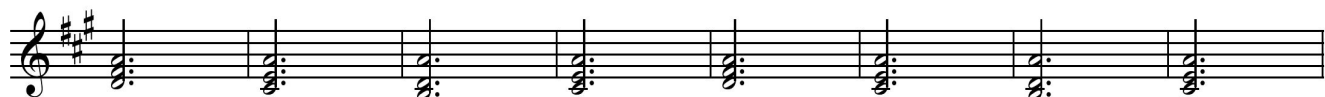
## Hymn of Praise—Come Ye that Love the Savior's Name



Come, ye that love the Sav - ior's Name, And joy to make it known,  
Be - hold your Lord, your Mas - ter, crowned With glo - ries all di - vine;  
When, in His earth - ly courts, we view The glo - ries of our King,  
And shall we long and wish in vain? Lord, teach our songs to rise:



The Sov-'reign of your hearts pro - claim, And bow be - fore His throne.  
And tell the won-d'ring na - tions round How bright those glo - ries shine.  
We long to love as an - gels do, And wish like them to sing.  
Thy love can an - i - mate the strain, And bid it reach the skies.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

CCLI #11121087 ©2008 Andrea Tisher, Text: Anne Steele, 1769; Music: Andrea Tisher, 2008.

*(Please be seated)*

## God's Faithfulness—Testimony

*Bob, Cindi, and Logan Wolk*

## Scripture Reading and Prayers

# Hymn of Praise—My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
 2. When dark - ness seems to veil His face, I rest on  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, and blood, Sup - port me  
 4. When He shall come with trump - et sound, O, may I

blood and right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my  
 then in Him be found; Clad in His right - eous -

sweet - est frame, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale, My an - chor holds with - in the vail.  
 soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

**19. REFRAIN** On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1834; Music: SOLID ROCK, Gregory Wilbur, 1992. © 1992 Greyfriars Press. Used by Permission.

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

---

### The Reading of the Word—Luke 20:27-44

27 There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, 28 and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. 30 And the second 31 and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. 32 Afterward the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

34 And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, 36 for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” 39 Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” 40 For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

41 But he said to them, “How can they say that the Christ is David’s son? 42 For David himself says in the Book of Psalms,

“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand,  
43 until I make your enemies your footstool.”

44 David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?”

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

### Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 9I

*God of the Living*

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

[Notes]



## 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.*

### Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 103:8-14, 17-18

Pastor: O Lord, we come to you confessing. You are merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
You will not always chide, nor will You keep Your anger forever.

**All: Do not repay us according to our sins, nor repay according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is Your steadfast love to those who fear You.

**All: Remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west.**

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,  
O Lord, show Your compassion to those who fear You.

**All: For You know our frame, You remember that we are dust.**

Pastor: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—I Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

## Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

MEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho

high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

san - nah in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est. A - men.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

## 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——Psalm 40: I Waited Patient For the Lord



I wait - ed pa - tient for the Lord, He bowed to hear my cry;  
Firm on a rock He made me stand, And taught my cheer - ful tongue  
How man - y are Thy thoughts of love! Thy mer - cies, Lord, how great!



He saw me rest - ing on His Word, And brought sal - va - tion nigh.  
To praise the won - ders of His hand, In a new thank - ful song.  
We have not words nor hours e - nough Their num - bers to re - peat.



He raised me from a hor - rid pit, Where mourn - ing long I lay,  
I'll spread His works of grace a - broad; The saints with joy shall hear,  
When I'm af - flict - ed, poor, and low, And light and peace de - part,



And from my bonds re - leased my feet, Deep bonds of mir - y clay.  
And sin - ners learn to make my God Their on - ly hope and fear.  
My God be - holds my hea - vy woe, And bears me on His heart.

Text: Psalm 40, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: Based on a Traditional Irish Melody, Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

## Communion Hymn—I Will Bring You Home

Though you are home-less, though you're a-lone, I will be your home. What -  
ev - er's the mat - ter, what - ev - er's been done, I will be your home.  
I will be your home, I will be your home  
I will bring you home, I will bring you home  
in this fear - ful fall - en place. I will be your home.  
from this fear - ful fall - en place. I will bring you home.  
When time reach - es full - ness, move I move My hand, I will bring you home  
home to your own place in a beau - ti - ful land. I will bring you home.

CCLI #11121087 © 1992 Birdwing Music; Text and Music: Michael Card, 1992.

### 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—O God Our Help in Ages Past, Vs I-4, 7



O God, our help in a - ges past, our  
Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy  
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight are  
O God, our help in a - ges past, our



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is Thine  
earth re - ceived her frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that  
hope for years to come: Be Thou our guard while



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.  
arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.  
Thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

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

## 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 II Timothy 4:18

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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



Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet  
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my  
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

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

---

### Pray for Those We Support

#### WORLD

- Kurds: Servant Group International
- Italy: Dan & Julie Meyers  
Pilgrim Road Ministries
- Sri Lanka/India: Bill Iverson

## HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Chuck Emerson, 943-8443 or emersonbrntwd@aol.com

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Steffens' house, *Sermon Discussion*

Bob and Cindi Wolk 686-3349 or cindi\_wolk@yahoo.com

Every other Sunday after church at Cornerstone, *Sermon Discussion*

Greg Wilbur 512-4156 or greg@cstonepres.org

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Wilbur's house, *Sermon Discussion*

Jim Smith, 347-4188 or jims@svmic.com

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6:00 p.m., Smith's house

Randy Allen, 260-1884 or randmanrx@gmail.com

Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Allen's house, *I Samuel*

Andy Patton, 500-1492 or parachuteadamsI@gmail.com

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 5:00 p.m. Patton's house

Matt Michaud, 803-319-2693 or michaudba@gmail.com

Sundays at 4-6 p.m., Michaud's house

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND EPIPHANY

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

In Luke 20:27-40, the Sadducees try to catch Jesus in a theological trap question about the resurrection. Jesus sprung the trap by faithfully interpretation the Old Testament Scriptures, leaving the Sadducees speechless. Take a look at the questions below. Each one is designed to help you understand and apply this section of Scripture. Please take time to discuss your answers with your family, a friend, or your Home Fellowship Group.

- Who are the Sadducees and what was their role in Jewish religious life?
- Underneath the Sadducees question was the custom of levirate marriage. What is levirate marriage? Read Deut. 25:5-10 for more information.
- The Sadducees did not believe the Old Testament taught a doctrine of resurrection. Jesus argued otherwise in our passage. Can you explain Jesus' logic?
- Apart from Jesus reference in our passage, where else would you turn in the Old Testament to defend the doctrine of the resurrection?
- Paul says that if Christ has not been raised then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Corinthians 15:14). Why is the resurrection of Christ essential to the gospel?
- What difference is (or should) the resurrection be making in your life presently? Be as specific as you can.

## CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Presbyterian Church in America

**Pastor:** Nate Shurden (618-4707 Office) or [nate@cstonepres.org](mailto:nate@cstonepres.org)

**Assistant Pastor:** Tony Giles (430-8801) or [tony@cstonepres.org](mailto:tony@cstonepres.org)

**Worship and Chief Musician:** Greg Wilbur (512-4156) or [greg@cstonepres.org](mailto:greg@cstonepres.org)

**Administrative Assistant:** Susan Bumpus (618-4707) or [office@cstonepres.org](mailto:office@cstonepres.org)

**Home Fellowship Coordinator:** Randy Allen (260-1884) or [randmanrx@gmail.com](mailto:randmanrx@gmail.com)

**Nursery Coordinator:** Linda VanGorden (406-4431) or [vangordenlinda@yahoo.com](mailto:vangordenlinda@yahoo.com)

**Elementary Sunday School Questions:** Laura Coughlin (390-4201) or [walkinglalo@mac.com](mailto:walkinglalo@mac.com)

#### Ruling Elders

Randy Allen (260-1884)

Cy Fenton (500-5304)

Jim Payne (497-0613)

Terry Cheney (579-7089)

Stacy McGuire (339-3900)\*

Jim Smith (347-4188)

Chuck Emerson: *Emeritus* (661-9273)

Greg Wilbur (512-4156)

#### Deacons

Clint Branch (516-9855)

Kevin McClung (243-9228)

Larry Thompson (901-734-1520)

Joe Haworth (289-7543)

David Steffens (557-5316)

Bob Vermilye (599-9577)

Riley May (866-8662)\*

\*On Sabbatical

Post Office Box 407 ☞ Franklin, Tennessee 37065 ☞

[www.cornerstonepresfranklin.org](http://www.cornerstonepresfranklin.org) ☞ (615) 618-4707

*All Scripture quotations from the English Standard Version*