



# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*18 March 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 I04 (basement)

Joe and Joy Marlo; Assistant: Kristin Lee

**K/I<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Room I03 (basement)

Teacher: Michelle Marshall; Assistant: Mark Elliott

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Room I0I (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 I0<sup>th</sup>-I2<sup>th</sup>) at Merridees

**Adult**

The Chapel Class: *Count it All Joy* (Chapel)

Koinonia Class: *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (Kuyper Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Exploring Cornerstone (Room 204)

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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*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 50:1-6, 23

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Pastor: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.

All: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

Pastor: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

Pastor: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;

All: to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

### The Refrain for the Third Use of the Law—John 14:15, I John 3:23-24a

Pastor: Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

All: And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Pastor: Whoever keeps his commandment abides in him, and he in them.

## Hymn of Praise—Give Thanks to God the Lord

Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call. Make  
 Look to the Lord's great strength; re - mem - ber all His deeds. His  
 Sing to the Lord, all earth; His sav - ing power pro - claim. De -  
 Give thanks to God the Lord; His good - ness now de - clare. He

known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all. Sing  
 judg - ments are in all of the earth; He is the Lord in - deed. His  
 clare His glo - ry to ev - ery race; His marve - lous deeds now name. For  
 saves, de - liv - ers from eve - ry foe; His love en - dures for - e'er. Give

praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim. Re -  
 cov' - nant e'er will stand; His oath He'll ne'er for - get. A  
 great is God the Lord, most worth - y of all praise. He  
 thanks un - to His Name and glo - ry in His praise; Praise

joyce, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.  
 thou - sand gen - er - a - tions pass; God's word con - tin - ues yet.  
 made the heav - ens and the earth; fear Him and give Him praise.  
 to the God of Is - ra - el for ev - er - last - ing days.

Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

## Hymn of Praise—Come, Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of  
 Here I raise my Eb - e - zer; Hith - er by thy help I'm come; And I  
 O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be; Let that



mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me  
hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus  
grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to  
some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the  
sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God: He, to  
wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my  
mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

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

### Old Testament Reading—Proverbs 3:1-12

- My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments,  
<sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.  
<sup>3</sup> Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;  
 bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.  
<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.  
<sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.  
<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;  
<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.  
<sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof,  
<sup>12</sup> for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

### The Refrain for the Third Use of the Law—John 14:15, I John 3:23-24a

Leader: Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

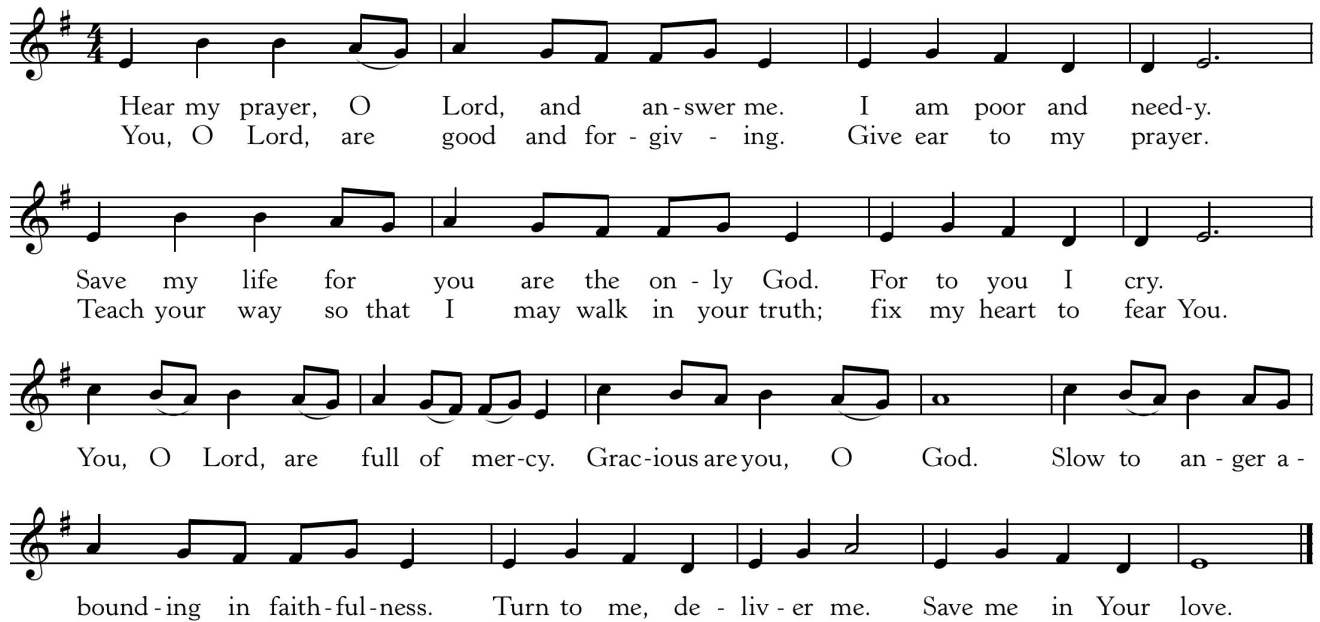
All: And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Leader: Whoever keeps his commandment abides in him, and he in them.

## 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—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)



Hear my prayer, O Lord, and an-swer me. I am poor and need-y.  
You, O Lord, are good and for - giv - ing. Give ear to my prayer.

Save my life for you are the on - ly God. For to you I cry.  
Teach your way so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear You.

You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy. Grac-ious are you, O God. Slow to an - ger a -  
bound - ing in faith - ful - ness. Turn to me, de - liv - er me. Save me in Your love.

Text & Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013. Used by permission.

### Corporate Confession of Sin—Psalm 51:15, 17, Isaiah 53:4-6

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.

Leader: Surely Christ has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

All: yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

All: upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

All: and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

### Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon—based on Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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

## Psalm for Lent—Psalm 125: All You, With Heart Confiding



All who, with heart con - fi - ding, De - pend on God a - lone,  
No scept - ter of op - press - ion Shall hold un - bro - ken sway,  
The men who false - hood cher - ish, For - sak - ing truth and right,



Like Zi - on's mount a - bid - ing, Shall ne'er be ov er thrown.  
Lest un - to base trans - gress - ion The right - eous turn a - way.  
With wick - ed men shall peri - sh; God will their sin re - quite;



Like Zi on's ci ty, bound ed By guard ing moun tains broad,  
Thy fa - vor be im - part - ed To god - ly men, O Lord,  
From sin Thy saints de - fend - ing, Their joy, O Lord, in - crease,



His peo ple are sur round ed For ev er by their God.  
Bless all that are pure - heart - ed, The good with good re - ward.  
With mer - cy nev - er end - ing And ev - er - last - ing peace.

Text: Psalm 125, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: Gregory D Wilbur, 2017

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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### The Reading of the Word—Genesis 4:1-26

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.”<sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,<sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,<sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.<sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain,

“Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. <sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

<sup>17</sup> Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. <sup>18</sup> To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. <sup>19</sup> And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. <sup>20</sup> Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. <sup>21</sup> His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. <sup>22</sup> Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

<sup>23</sup> Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;  
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:

I have killed a man for wounding me,  
a young man for striking me.

<sup>24</sup> If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,  
then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.”

<sup>25</sup> And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.” <sup>26</sup> To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, pt 9**  
*East of Eden*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*



### Sung Response—Jesus Let Us Come to Know You

Je-sus, let us come to know you; Let us see you face to face.  
Je-sus, draw us ev - er near - er; Hold us in your lov - ing arms.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Touch us, hold us, use, us, mold us; On - ly let us live in you.  
Wrap us in your gen - tle pres - ence; When the end comes, bring us home.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## 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

## Matthew 11:28-30 & 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!

## Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN

MEN

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

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.

## 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—Come, Sinners View

Come, sin - - ners, view the Lamb of God, Wound - ed and  
Here I for - get my cares and pains I drink yet  
His thorns and nails pierce through my heart, In ev - 'ry  
Oh that I thus could al - - - ways feel! Lord, more and

dy - ing, bathed in blood! Be - hold His side, and  
still my thirst re - mains; The - on ly foun - tain -  
groan I bear a part; I view His wounds with  
more Your love re - veal! Then my glad tongue shall

ven - - - ture near, The well of end - less life is here.  
head a - bove Can sat - - is - fy the thirst of love.  
stream - ing eyes: But see! He bows His head and dies!  
loud pro - claim The grace and glo - ry of Your name.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2011.

## Hymn of Communion—Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Lord Je-sus, think on me, And purge a - way my sin; From  
 Lord Je-sus, think on me, with care and woe op - prest; Let  
 Lord Je-sus, think on me, A - mid the bat - tle's strife; In  
 Lord Je-sus, think on me, Nor let me go a - stray; Through  
 Lord Je-sus, think on me, That, when the flood is past, I  
 Lord Je-sus, think on me, That I may sing a - bove To

earth-born pas - sions set me free, And make me pure with - in.  
 me thy lov - ing serv - ant be, And taste thy prom - ised rest.  
 all my pain and mis - er - y Be thou my health and life.  
 dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point thou the heav'n - ly way.  
 may th'e - ter - nal bright - ness see, And share thy joy at last.  
 Fa - ther, Spir - it, and to thee, The strains of praise and love.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 375-430, Tr Allen William Charfield, 1808-96; Music: SOUTHWELL, Damon's *Psalmes*, 1579.  
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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—Glory to God! The Morn Appointed Breaks

Glo - ry to God! The morn ap - poin - ted breaks, And  
 Glo - ry to God! The cross, with all its shame, Now  
 Glo - ry to God! Sing, ran - somed souls a - - gain, And  
 Dark - ness and night, fare - well! The morn is here; Wel -  
 Great Son of God, im - mor - tal and re - nowned! Brigh -

earth a - - - wakes from all the woe - ful past; For,  
 sheds its glo - - - ry o'er a ran - somed world; For  
 let your songs our glor - ious vic - tor laud, Who  
 come! the light that ush - ers in the day; Vi -  
 ter than morn the glo - ry on Thy brow; Crowns

with the morn, the Lord of life - - wakes, And  
 He who bore the bur - den of our blame, With  
 by His might hath snapped the ty - rant's chain, And  
 sions of joy be - fore our sight ap - - pear, And,  
 must be won, and Thou are no - bly crowned, For

sin and death in - to the grave are cast.  
 pier - cèd hands the foe to hell hath hurled.  
 set us free to rise with Him to God.  
 like the clouds, our sor - rows melt a - way.  
 death is dead, and sin is van - - - quished now.

Text: John Brownlie, *Hymns of the Early Church*, 1913; Music: Greyfriars, 2016

# 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—Psalm 121:7-8

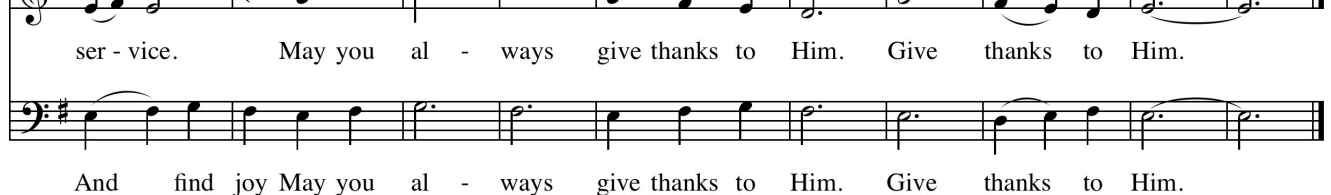
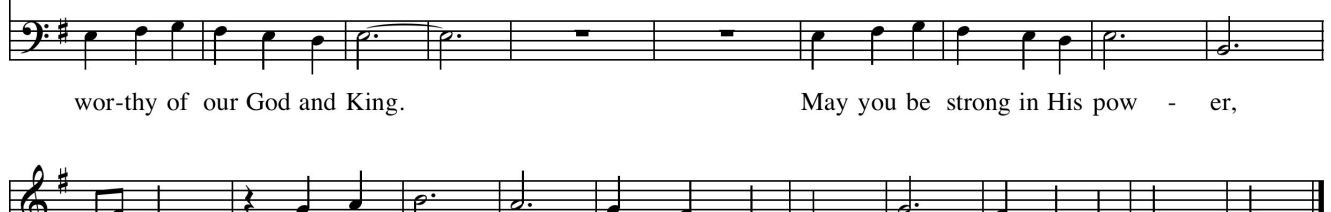
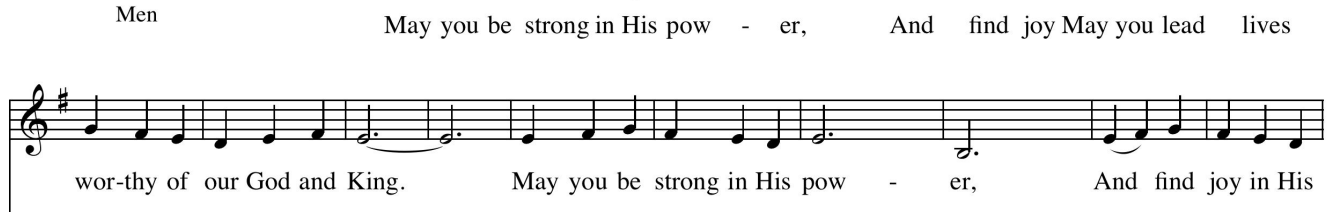
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. *Amen.*

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

Women



Men



May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His 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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### Prayer Focus—Crossroads Prison Ministries

Crossroads Prison Ministries (CPM), formerly Crossroad Bible Institute, was founded thirty years ago as a way to disciple prisoners who had made a decision to follow Christ. The ministry's foundation is to form mentoring relationships between people in prison and volunteers from churches throughout the world. These relationships are formed through the use of Bible studies that are completed by the prisoner and mailed to the mentor, who reviews the lessons and responds back to the prisoner through encouraging letters. Currently CPM operates in 19 different countries and reaches 30,000 prisoners each year with a library of twelve Bible study courses. Eight Cornerstone members are involved in CPM.

- Pray for more mentors from Cornerstone.
- Pray for acceptance by local churches of CPM students once they are released from prison.
- Pray for resources for CPM to assist students in locating a loving and caring local church.

## Wednesday Nights at Cornerstone February 14 – March 21

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 (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)—Meets Upstairs
- 6:15-7:00 Children's Choirs (PreK-6<sup>th</sup> 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:*

### Drawing Near to God

\*Reservation needed by Monday at Noon; \$5/person & \$20/family cap  
office@stonepres.org

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

## 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

Second and Fourth Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm, Cornerstone Third Floor, Sermon discussion

Today's message, "East of Eden" is taken from Genesis 4:1-26. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- Last week we learned from Genesis 3:15 that redemptive history unfolds through the clash of two spiritual seeds ("offspring")—the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent. How is this point illustrated in Genesis 4?
- Why did God have regard for Abel's offering but not Cain's? What does this teach us about the nature of true salvation?
- God says to Cain, "...sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it" (v.7). How is God calling you to rule over the sin that is crouching at the door of your life?
- On the surface, justice and grace seem opposed to one another, yet Cain experienced both from God. How does that work? What role has the justice and grace of God played in your life?
- Compare and contrast Lamech's song in Genesis 4:23-24 and Jesus words in Matthew 18:21-35. Do you find Jesus words comforting or concerning? Is there ever a time when we shouldn't forgive? Is there anyone in your life that you're struggling to forgive?
- How does the blood of Jesus speak a better word than Abel's blood (see Hebrews 12:22-24)?

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