

CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL Third Sunday of Lent 24 March 2019

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.

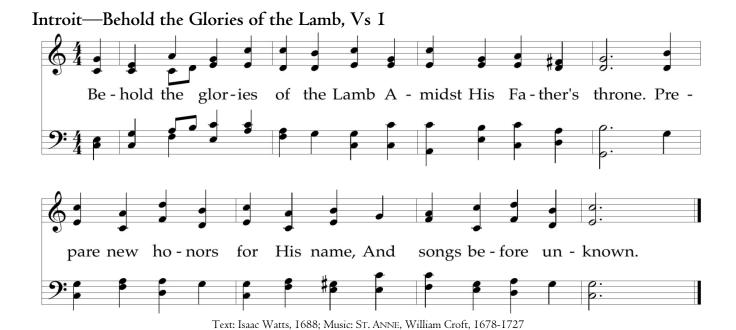
Grace & Peace, Rev. Nate Shurden Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, 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



Call to Worship—from Psalm 33:1, 4-5, 8-9, 18-22

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Pastor: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

All: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Pastor: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

All: that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

All: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Pastor: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Hymn of Praise—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



Text: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. St. 4 John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793.



Text: Latin Hymn, 8th Century, Tr. By John Chandler, 1837; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song

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

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 2:12-22

12 Remember that you were at [one] time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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 Preparation—Lord, Have Mercy on Me



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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 119:9-16

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have taught us that we keep our way pure by guarding it according to Your word.

All: We say that we seek You with our whole heart, but we wander from Your commandments.

Pastor: May we store up Your word in our hearts that we might not sin against You.

All: Blessed are You, O Lord; teach us Your statutes.

Pastor: May we regularly speak Your word.

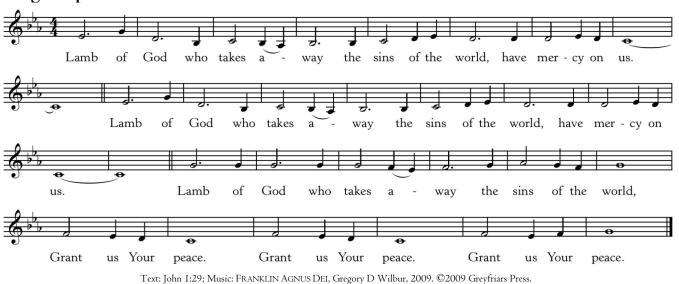
All: Lord, we do not delight in Your testimonies as much as we delight in riches, fame, or self fulfillment.

Pastor: Teach us to fix our eyes on Your ways.

All: Give us a delight in Your statutes that we may not forget Your word.

Silent Prayers of Confession

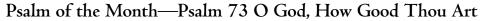
Sung Response—Lamb of God

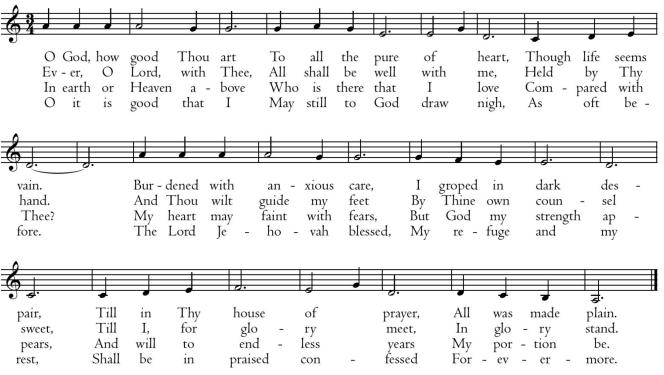


Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

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





CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 73, The Psalter, 1912: Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2012.

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 29:31-30:24

³¹ When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." ³³ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. ³⁴ Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. ³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" ² Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" ³ Then she said, "Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her." ⁴So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her.⁵ And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. ⁶ Then Rachel said, "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan. ⁷ Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸ Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali.

⁹ When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. ¹⁰ Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. ¹¹ And Leah said, "Good fortune has come!" so she called his name Gad. ¹² Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. ¹³ And Leah said, "Happy am I! For women have called me happy." So she called his name Asher.

¹⁴ In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes." ¹⁵ But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" Rachel said, "Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes." ¹⁶ When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night. ¹⁷ And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. ¹⁸ Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.

¹⁹ And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. ²⁰ Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun. ²¹ Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

²² Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.²³ She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach."²⁴ And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May the Lord add to me another son!"

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, Part 38 Chasing Love and Acceptance

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Prayers of Petition

Father God, we bow our knees before You. From You, every family in heaven and on earth is named (Eph 3:14). You have sent Your Spirit into our hearts that as Your children we may cry, "Abba! Father!" We are no longer slaves but sons and daughters (Gal4:6-7). May we walk in a manner worthy of You who calls us into Your own kingdom and glory (II Thess 2:12).

Pastor: Father God, listen to the prayers of Your people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, You are the Word of Life and You are proclaimed so that we may fellowship with one another—for our fellowship is with the Father and with You (I Jn 1:1-3). May we have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, tender hearts and humble minds (I Pet 3:8).

Pastor: Lord Jesus, listen to the prayers of Your people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

O Holy Spirit, if we walk in the light as You are in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (I Jn 1:7). May we walk with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:1-3).

Pastor: Holy Spirit, listen to the prayers of Your people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Sung Response—Sanctus



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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.

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.

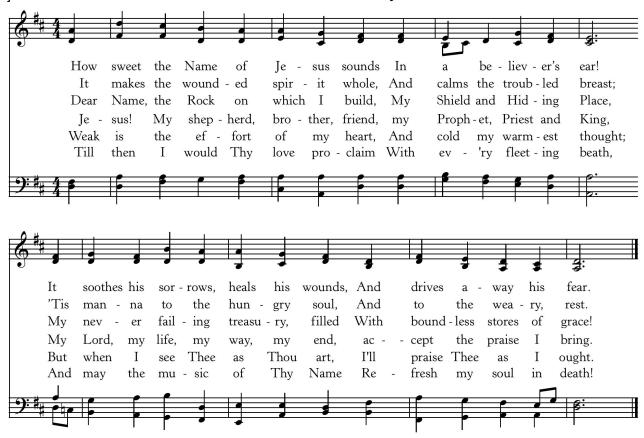
Hymn of Communion—O Thou In Whose Presence



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

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

Hymn of Reflection—How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



Music: Text: John Newton, 1774; Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836.

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—Glory to God! The Morn Appointed Breaks



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

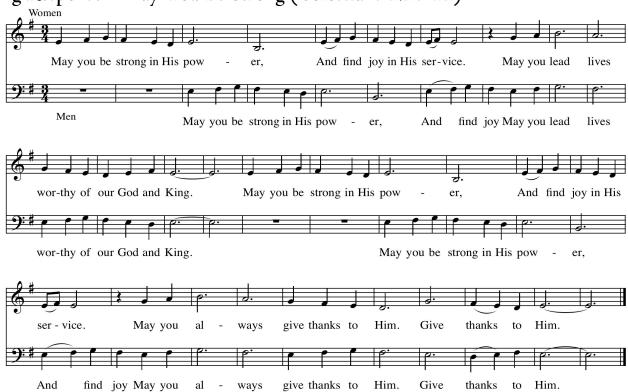
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. *Amen.*





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Prayer Focus—Richie Sessions is the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) campus minister for Vanderbilt University. RUF is the campus ministry organization of the Presbyterian Church in America. RUF has experienced rapid growth the past few years, and currently has I40 chapters at different college campuses spread over 37 states, Mexico, Columbia and the Czech Republic. More than just a ministry on the university, RUF seeks to be a ministry for the university. It strives to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life.

- Pray for the RUF students as several are studying abroad.
- Pray for the RUF as the staff shares the gospel to many students from diverse backgrounds.
- Pray for courage and fruitfulness in support-raising.
- Pray for the Sessions family for rest, good friends and a deeper love for Christ.

Wednesday Nights at Cornerstone March 6 - April I0

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*
6:15-7:15	Youth (7 th -I2 th grades)—Meets Upstairs
6:15-7:00	Children's Choirs (PreK-6 th 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:

Be Killing Sin

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

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

Tithes and Offerings

Tithe boxes are located at the chapel entrances to receive tithes and offerings—part of our act of worship and service. Please make your checks payable to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.

Today's message, "Chasing Love and Acceptance" is taken from Genesis 29:31-30:24. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- How are the motivations of Leah and Rachel revealed in the naming of their children? What do the names teach you about the women?
- What are we to make of Jacob's compliance in the passage?
- What parallels do you see with the Abram, Sarah, and Hagar story? What parallels do you see with the Jacob and Esau story?
- How does this story contribute to the major themes of Genesis?
- How does Jacob's "wrong wife" turn out to be the "right mother" in redemptive history?
- What's one personal takeaway for you from today's message?

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