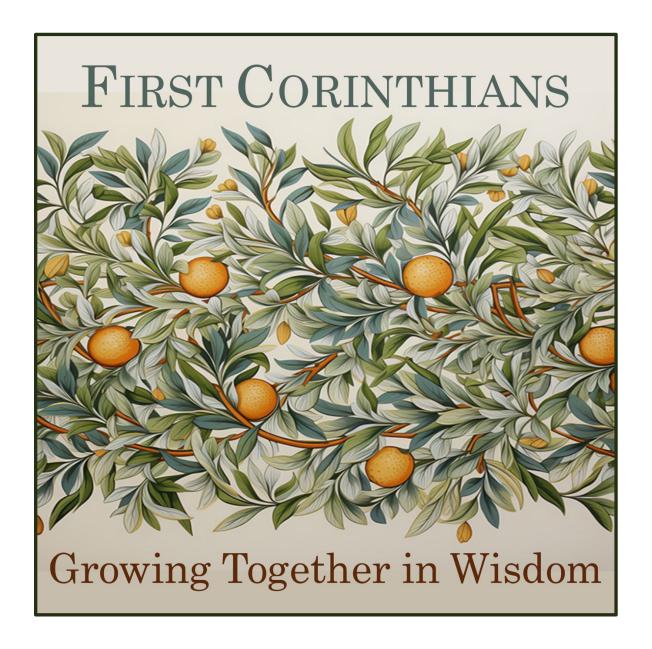


CORNERSTONE

Presbyterian Church



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Third Sunday of Easter
14 April 2024

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

I have good news! After months of construction, we received a certificate of temporary occupancy to the downstairs Fellowship Hall from the city of Franklin. What that means is we can use the space for ministry while we continue to prepare for a final walk through and (hopefully!) a certificate of permanent occupancy.

We are utilizing the new Fellowship Hall today for the new Classics of Personal Devotion adult Sunday School class. But if you're not in that class, take a moment soon to venture down there and check out the space. For the next few weeks, worship overflow will remain on the Third Floor while we're working on getting the Fellowship Hall completely finished. We'll notify you as soon as we're ready to move overflow from the Third Floor to the Fellowship Hall.

But it's not just spaces and classes that are new. We also have exciting news about new staff! But, some sad news first. After four faithful years of service, our sister, Robin Spychalski, is stepping away from her role as Office Administrator to address some ongoing health issues. We are going to miss Robin's friendly demeanor and servant's heart. We praise God for the last four years we've shared with her, and we're prayerful for her health and continued effectiveness as the Lord's servant in the days to come.

On the positive side, we are adding two part-time positions to the church to fill the vacancy left by Robin's departure. First, Tammy McCoy is joining the Cornerstone staff as our bookkeeper. Originally from British Columbia, Canada, Tammy is no stranger to many of you. She joined the staff of New College Franklin in 2008 as Admissions Officer where she now serves as the Head of Operations. Tammy has been married to her husband, Tim, for 37 years, and they have four grown children and 2 grandchildren. In 2018 Tammy, Tim, and their two Canadian-born children became U.S. citizens. Tammy brings all the requisite financial skills to keep us running smoothly and is eager to be a blessing to the church. Welcome, Tammy! You are an answer to prayer.





Second, we welcome Whitney Ruff to the Cornerstone staff as Interim Office Administrator. Born in Memphis but growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, Whitney moved to Franklin in 2020. Whitney studied at both the University of Mississippi (1986) and Vanderbilt (1988). She has 3 grown daughters in FL, KS, TX and 5 grandbabies with I on the way. Whitney is a servant of servants! She is excited about the opportunity to support the staff and the church. As those of you who know her can testify—you won't find a kinder person. I'm looking forward to seeing how the Lord uses Whitney in our midst.

Last but not least, Jonathan Crampton is coming on as a new Youth Intern. Born and raised in Tupelo, MS (but that is in question since he prefers biscuits *without* gravy), he moved to Franklin to attend New College Franklin, where he graduated in 2023, and he now works at Renasant Bank. He and his wife Faith were married in October. One of his six siblings, Kelley Shell, is on staff with us already as our Administrative Assistant for Discipleship and Youth Assistant. Jonathan has been a youth volunteer for a couple of years and is already beloved by the students. He is excited about testing gifts and aptitudes for ministry as he seeks the Lord's face for wisdom regarding a call to ministry.



Please pray for these new additions to the staff and this exciting season of growth and transition!

Your servant,

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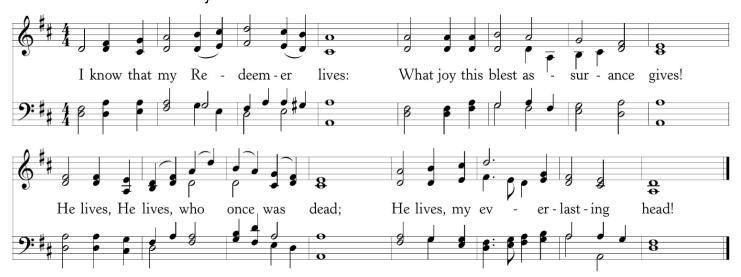
Worship Notes—This Sunday we begin a new sermon series on I Corinthians—a Pauline epistle on living as the people of God in wisdom. In the opening verses of the first chapter, Paul identifies himself as one called by God to the called saints in Corinth and to all who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Call to Worship from Psalm I45 reminds us that "the Lord is near to all who call on him" in truth. The New Testament reading from I Peter I speaks of God as the Holy one who has called us to set our hopes on Christ and walk obediently. The Prayer of Confession from Ephesians 2 addresses the sanctifying work of grace to move away from the "passions of the flesh" because our God is "rich in mercy." The middle hymn, "My God, My Portion, and My Love" call on "the whole creation…to bless the Sacred Name" of the Lamb upon the throne. The second Communion Hymn, "Psalm 31: In You O Lord I Put My Trust" speaks to our need to call upon the Lord to "save us in his righteousness." We conclude with "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" reminds us that we are walking in the daily reality of the resurrection as we move through this Easter season.

Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

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.

Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—Psalm 145:1-3, 18-19, 21

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

All: and his greatness is unsearchable.

Pastor: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Pastor: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

All: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Hymn of Praise—Come, Thou Fount



Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

New Testament Reading—I Peter I:13-19

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

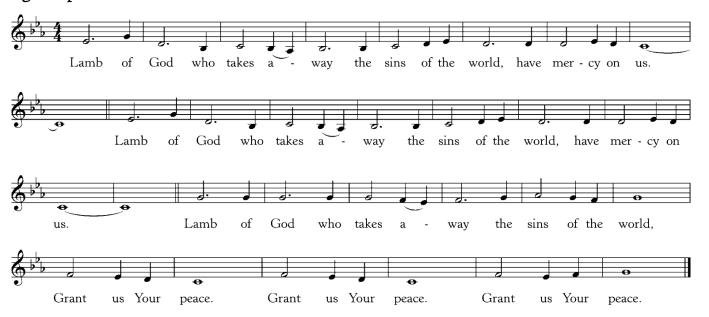
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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—Lamb of God



Text: John I:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Ephesians 2:I-7 & Romans 6:I2

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. We once walked in the path of this world following the pattern of it and the spirit of the age.

All: And we were dead in trespasses and sins.

Leader: We all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the desires of the mind.

All: We were by nature children of wrath like the rest of mankind.

Leader: But You, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which You loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,

All: You made us alive together with Christ.

Leader: By grace You saved us and raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Him.

All: In the coming ages You will show the immeasurable riches of Your grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Give us the grace and faith to not let sin reign in our mortal bodies, to not obey its passions.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

+++New Arrivals are Welcome to be Seated+++

Hymn of Praise—My God, My Portion, and My Love



Text: Isaac Watts, Hymns and Spiritual Songs 1707; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, from Southern Harmony.

Sacrament of Baptism—William Randolph Tice IV, son of Will & Emily Tice

"For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. 'And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.' Therefore, believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house." (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31)

Parental Vows:

- 1. Do you acknowledge your own, as well as your child's, need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises for him, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for his salvation, just as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now consecrate your child to God; will you in humble reliance upon His sovereign grace set before him a godly example—praying with and for him, teaching him the good hope of the Gospel, opening to him the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow:

Will you as a covenant community joyously commit to assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

The Reading of the Word—I Corinthians I:I-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—I Corinthians: Growing Together in Wisdom, part I

Called to Be Saints

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—He is Risen! Vs 4



Text: Eric Schumacher, 2004; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Cologne, 1623.

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



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

Pascha Nostrum—I Corinthians 5:7-8, Romans 6:9-II

Pastor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

All: therefore let us keep the feast.

Pastor: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

All: death no longer has dominion over him.

Pastor: For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,

All: but the life he lives he lives to God.

Pastor: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin

All: and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Celebration of First Communion

—Daniel Raymond

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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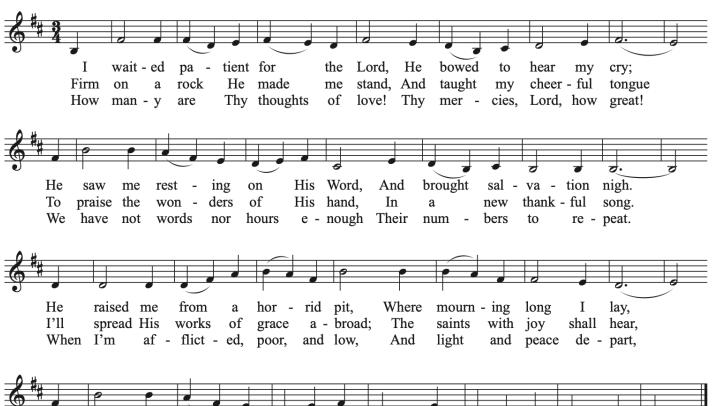
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The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully 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. Proceed to the first table for the bread, and then on the second for wine/juice.

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 40: I Waited Patient For The Lord



Text: Based on Psalm 40; Music: FINGALL Traditional Irish Melody, adapt. Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

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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

Communion Hymn—Psalm 31: In You O Lord I Put My Trust



Text: Psalm 31, Paraphrase; Music: Kentucky Harmony, arr. GDW.

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—That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



Text: Latin, 5th c.; St I,3-4 Trans. *Hymns Ancient and Modern,* 1861 alt. St. 2,5 Trans. *The Hymnal 1940*; © 1940 The Church Pension Fund alt Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorious, 1571-1621. Arr G. Wilbur, 2023

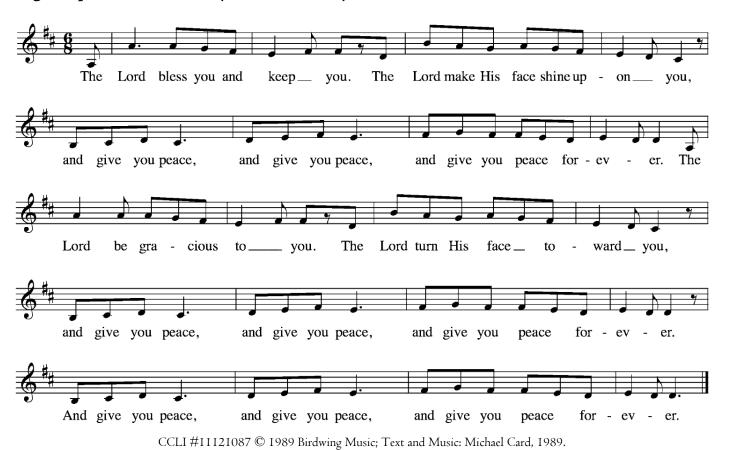
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—I Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)



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Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here! We invite you to fill out a visitor form by scanning this QR code so that we may welcome you personally. Alternatively, visitor cards are available at either entrance to the chapel and can be placed in one of the offering boxes as you leave.



Focus on Church Ministry

Vacation Bible School—Torchbearers

Mark your calendars for May 28-31 for VBS! We will gather in the evenings (5:30-7:30 p.m.) at Jim Warren Park. And we need all our Cornerstone family to help before, during, and after VBS! Scan this QR code or visit the church website to register your children (rising K-rising 6th grade) and view all the ways you can serve, from praying to dropping off snacks to leading a group of our covenant kids that week.



Golf Tournament Fundraiser: May 13

Sign up now for a Golf Tournament at the Franklin Bridge Golf Club on Monday, May 13, starting at 1:00 p.m. to support our youth mission team heading to Belize. In partnership with Oaks of Righteousness, the youth team will spend a week this summer supporting the work of the church in Belize through community outreach, providing materially for children and families, and sharing the good news about Jesus Christ. Sign up by clicking the on the Cornerstone website, or simply donate (to donate without registering to play, enter an amount in the first question of the form and leave all other fields blank). Thank you for helping our youth get to Belize!

Children's Ministry Summer Volunteer Needs

We need teachers and assistants for the summer Sunday School session! This is a six-week commitment (June 9-July 14), and it's a great way to serve the kids of Cornerstone. Don't let summer travel stop you from signing up to serve! We always have volunteers willing to sub for teachers who are out of town. Contact: meredithsuits@gmail.com

New College Franklin Host Housing

NCF is looking for families or couples interested in boarding incoming students for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in the opportunity to board a student or two in your home from August through May, please contact office@newcollegefranklin.edu.

Women: Gathered In for Trivia and Tacos

Cornerstone Women are invited to a night of pure fun and fellowship. We will gather in the new fellowship hall on Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m. for a taco bar and a trivia game—complete with prizes! All women, including youth, are encouraged to make sure to attend. In addition to all the fun, we will be talking All Things Summer and making some exciting announcements about the fall. Reserve your spot by signing up online!

Adult Sunday School: April 14-May 19

Gospel-Centered Parenting

Parenting is one of life's great challenges. What we need is, as Paul Tripp puts it, "a big picture parenting worldview that can explain, guide, and motivate all the things God calls us to do as parents." Join us for this six-week series in the Chapel as we explore foundational principles centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ, our most reliable parenting guide.

Classics of Personal Devotion

In this six-week course in the Fellowship Hall, we will be introduced to a selection of the greatest devotional literature in Christian history. Exploring the lives of the authors and spiritual benefit of these classics, we will be encouraged to experience a deeper communion with Christ through the devotional classics.

Young Adults at Nashville SC

The Cornerstone Young Adults are heading to a soccer game! Join us Saturday, April 27 at GEODIS Park at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$37. To claim your tickets or get more information, contact youngadults@cstonepres.org.

Book Discussion: May 6

This May we will gather to discuss All the Beauty in the World by Patrick Bringley. This memoir shows the beauty of slowing down, looking around, and seeing the people and world that God has made. Copies are available on the Bookshelf for a special Cornerstone price. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, at The Corner House.

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "Called to be Saints," is taken from I Corinthians I:I-3. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- What did you learn about the ancient city of Corinth today that parallels with our own city and place?
- How did Paul's opening three verses lay foundations for what he will address in the rest of the letter?
- What from the first three verses of I Corinthians ministered to you personally?
- Of the many (difficult) subjects and sections in the letter of I Corinthians, what are you most looking forward to exploring?
- Will you commit to pray for Cornerstone and our study of I Corinthians weekly?

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