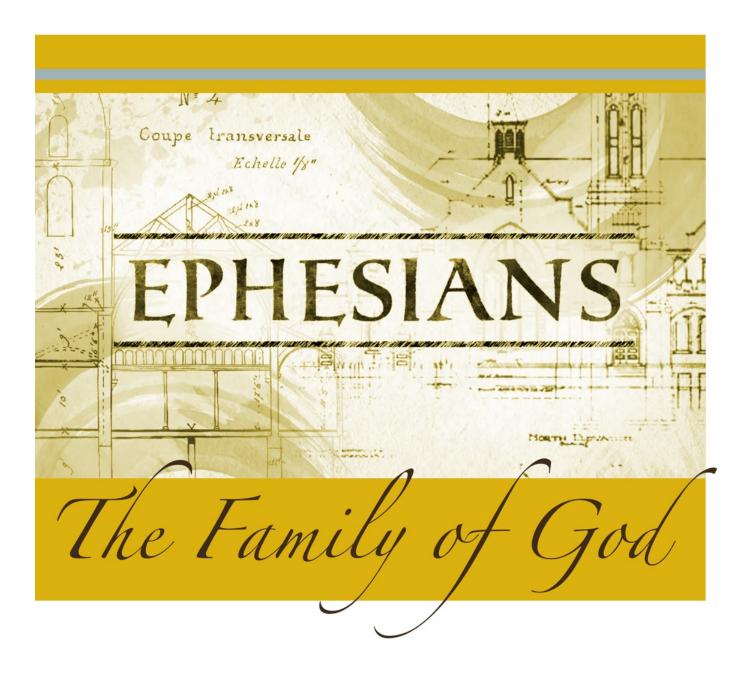


CORNERSTONE

Presbyterian Church



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

Second Sunday of Easter

16 April 2023

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

Last week was amazing. From the solemn sweetness of the Maundy Thursday service, to the sacred sadness of Good Friday, to the overflowing joy of Easter morn, it was, in my humble opinion, one of the most edifying Holy Weeks on record.

I want to personally thank the New College Franklin choir and the Cornerstone choir and musicians for their outstanding performances. Words fail to express how deeply we were blessed by your ministry. Behind the work of both choirs is our chief musician, Mr. Greg Wilbur, whose tremendous talents were on full display last week. What a gift he is to all of us! Let me also mention how grateful I am for our worship interns, Mr. Noah Aikens and Mr. Maxwill Shell, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and upfront all weekend.

I'd be remiss not to mention Palm Sunday, and our lovely children's choir led by Mrs. Jessica Michaud and Mrs. Jennifer Westerbeek. Not only did the students perform excellently in both worship services, but they also performed for the residents of Morning Pointe nursing home for our afternoon service. Needless to say, it's always special to be led in worship by our covenant children.

Shifting gears, let me briefly update you on the work of your **Security Team**. In the wake of the Covenant School shooting, your security team revisited the current practices and protocols of our Watchman Team. After that evaluation, it was decided that in addition to the work of the Watchman Team, we would partner with the Franklin Police Department in order to secure an officer presence in front of the church each Sunday from 7:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. As you may have noticed, this new addition started on Easter Sunday. Our officer each week will be Lt. Clayton Cates, who is in the Special Investigations /Intelligence Unit.

Though an important step forward in our commitment to maintain the safety of our fellowship, this is not the last step. The security team continues to work on additional protocols, including a lockdown plan in the event of an attack. If you have any questions about security or would like to know more about the Watchman Team, please contact Mr. Todd Russell. His contact information is on the back of the bulletin.

Finally, your **Finance Team** has pulled together a 3rd quarter financial summary. Please review it and rejoice with us, for the Lord has provided abundantly! On the behalf of the leadership, thank you for giving faithfully to the church. Through your tithes and offerings, we are able to invest in the expansion of gospel ministry like never before! May God give the grace, wisdom, and courage to do just that.

2022/2023 Fiscal Year: 3rd Quarter Financial Report

	3rd Quarter 2022/23			9 Months 2022/23		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Diff</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Diff</u>
Giving	\$458,136	\$329,740	\$128,396	\$1,261,848	\$1,053,760	\$208,088
Expense	\$266,812	\$345,874	-\$79,062	\$820,437	\$1,037,624	-\$217,186
Difference	\$191,324	-\$16,134	\$207,459	\$441,410	\$16,135	\$425,274

Your servant,

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.

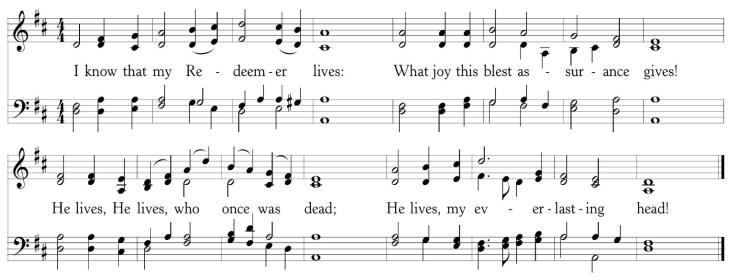
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

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—Isaiah 25:1, 6-8

Pastor: O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name,

All: for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

All: of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

Pastor: And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

All: He will swallow up death forever;

Pastor: and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces,

All: and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

Hymn of Praise—Praise to the Lord



New Testament Reading—I Peter I:3-9

³Blessed 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, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

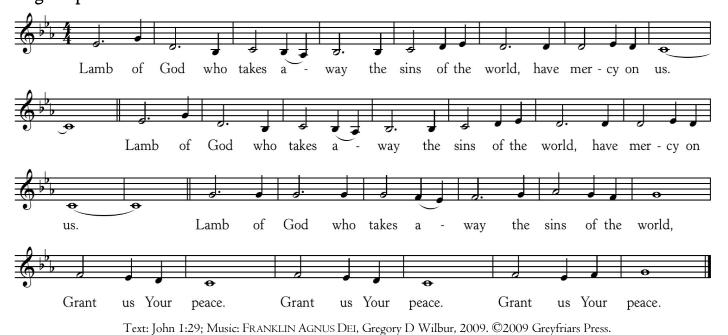
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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



Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Psalm 103:8-14, 17-18

Leader: O Lord, we come to you in prayer and confession. 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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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 John 3:1, 2, 5

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

Hymn of Praise—Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me



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GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

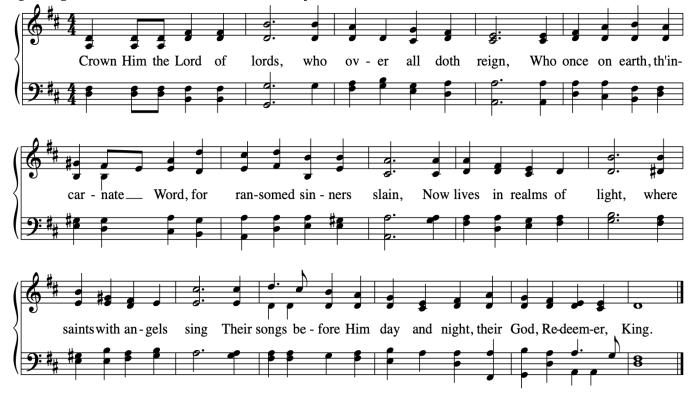
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—The Family of God: A Study in Ephesians, part 8

Created for Good Works

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—Crown Him with Many Crowns vs 8



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

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



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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

Eleanor Zecher, daughter of Daniel & Rachael Zecher William Terrell, son of Glen & Ellie Terrell 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

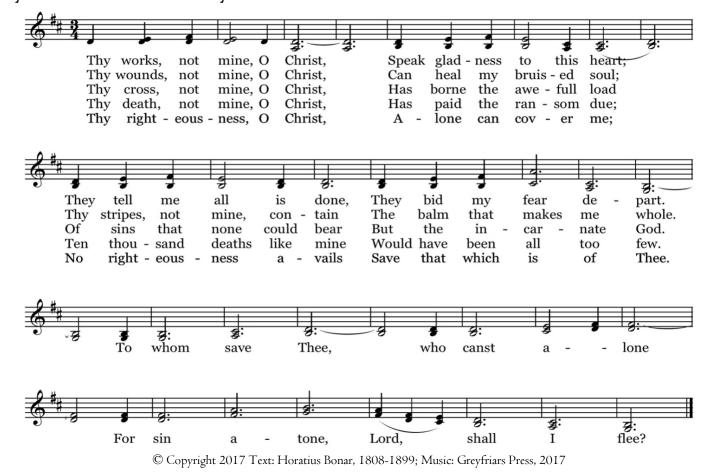
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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.

Hymn of Communion—Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



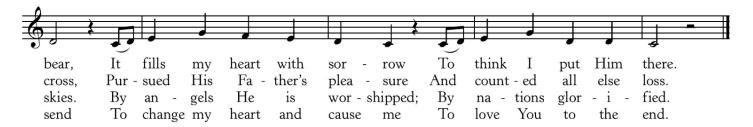
Hymn of Communion—There Is No Greater Portrait



There is Of sac - ri - fice no great - er por - trait love and Than Ie He ran the race be-fore Him Though it was filled with pain, And walked the The Son of Man was lift - ed Be - fore cre - a - tion's eyes; Was mocked and scorned by Sav-ior, let this sin - ner Be ran-somed by the flood Of mer - cy and



glo - ry And lay - ing down His life. When I look on the suf-fer-ings My Sav - ior chose to glo - ry In a - go - ny and shame. Then for the joy be-fore Him, He chose to bear the sol - diers, By kings and priests de - spised. But now the Son is ris - en, As - cend - ed to the give - ness A - bun - dant in Your blood. O Lord, be my sal - va - tion, Your Ho - ly Spir - it



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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

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.

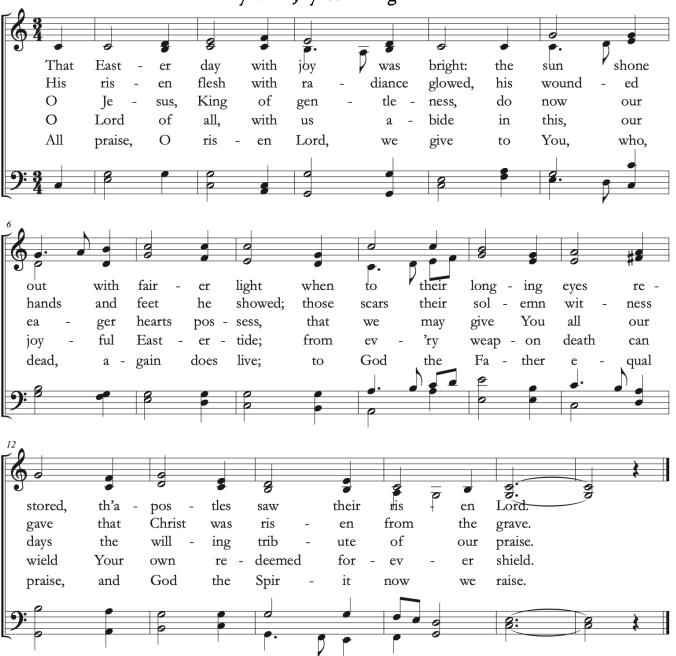
Give us this day our daily bread.

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



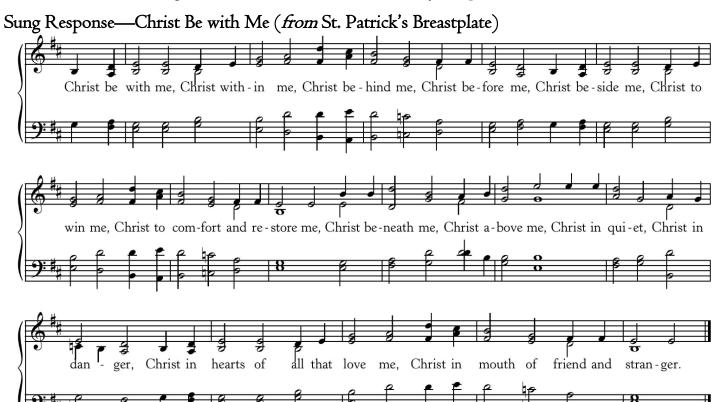
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GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—from Galatians 6:14, 18

May we boast only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to us, and we to the world. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. *Amen*.



Text: Atomriug indui niurt tren, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95; Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out the visitor card available in the pew in front of you.

Please drop it in the offering boxes at either chapel entrance as you leave.

Focus on Church Ministry

Vacation Bible School – "The Wind and the Waves"

Mark your calendars for May 30 - June 2 for VBS! We will gather in the evenings at Jim Warren Park and need all of our Cornerstone family to help before, during, and after VBS. Go to the church website or app now to view all the ways you can serve, from praying to dropping off snacks to leading a group of our covenant kids that week. Please check it out and choose a way to be involved. Registration for children is coming soon!

Deeper Together: in Friendship

All Cornerstone Women, 7th grade and up, are invited to come to Cornerstone on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of food and fellowship. Please let us know you're coming by registering through the website or app.

The Cornerstone School of Discipleship

The Doctrines of Grace: Exploring the Five Points of Calvinism

In this five week course, we will wrestle together with the Bible's teaching on some often debated questions like, "Does God really choose people for salvation? Did Christ really die for everyone? Can we really be assured of our salvation if we must persevere to the end?" Do not miss out on this opportunity to plumb the depth of these important topics! Class begins at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 23 in The Chapel. Come join us!

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with coffee cups, glasses, and sweaters. It's located in the top drawer of the entry table right outside the side entrance to The Chapel. Please stop by and check for your belongings.

Giving

There are boxes for tithes and alms and both entrances to The Chapel, or you may give safely and securely online through the church app and website.

Meals Team

Nothing says, "you're loved!" quite like some fried chicken, a casserole, or even a pizza delivery! A meal means so much to new parents, or a sick household, or a bereaved family. If you are willing to occasionally provide a meal (or even part of a meal!) to folks in our body, please sign up online, and we will be in touch!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Join the Cornerstone men on Saturday, April 22, from 8:00 - 9:30 for a morning of delicious food (catered by Big Bad Breakfast) and brotherly fellowship at Forrest Hills Clubhouse. (1010 Riverview Drive, Franklin) Please register online or through the Cornerstone app.

Cornerstone Communications

Don't miss out on anything going on at Cornerstone! Follow us on Instagram (CornerstonePresFranklin) and Facebook. Please make sure you're signed up for Life at Cornerstone, our weekly email that lands in your inbox every Wednesday, and check the app and website often, as they are kept up to date with all the latest information.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry's purpose is to nurture and tend a spirit of prayer throughout the entire congregation by interceding for the needs of the body of Christ and for the work of ministry. We meet regularly to lift our prayers to his throne of grace for the needs of the congregation and for the advancement of God's Kingdom in the world. Beginning Monday, April 17, we are adjusting our meeting schedule to the first and third Monday of each month, meeting at 6:30 PM at the church. We'll continue this schedule through the summer months. These meetings are a vital part of the Prayer Ministry's service to the church, and we invite everyone at Cornerstone to join us in prayer.

New Devotional

Pick up the new Cornerstone devotional today or download the pdf on the website or app.

Today's message, "Created for Good Works," is taken from Ephesians 2:8-10. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- Some translations translate "workmanship" as "work of art." How can it be said of us that we are God's work of art?
- Because we are God's work of art, we have a responsibility. We are created for good works. What does this mean?
- Paul tells us that we are saved by grace through faith, but then James tells us that faith without works is dead (James 2:17). How do we reconcile these two Scriptural statements?
- What from today's message struck a chord with you?
- Personally, what would it look like to live out the truths from today's message into your day-to-day lives?

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