

# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal  $Pentecost\ Sunday$   $20\,May\ 20\,18$ 

### 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 104 (basement)

Joe and Joy Marlo; Assistant: Kristin Lee

K/I<sup>st</sup> Grade: Room 103 (basement)

Teacher: Michelle Marshall; Assistant: Mark Elliott

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Room IOI (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 (7th-9th and 10th-12th) at Merridees

### Adult

The Chapel Class: Discerning and Exercising Your Spiritual Gifts (Chapel) Koinonia Class: The Westminster Confession of Faith (Kuyper Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) Exploring Cornerstone Class (Room 204) 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.

# Choral Prelude—Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Come, Holy Spirit, show us Your glory. Your people are here in this place. Sweet Holy Spirit, move now among us, and touch us with mercy and grace. Spirit Eternal, come in Your fullness, and breathe on Your people, we pray. Come, Holy Spirit, fresh wind of heaven, we long for Your presence today.

Our hearts are open wide, fill us with more of You.
You are the breath of God, promise of Heaven.
Our hearts are open wide, fill us with life anew.
You are the gift divine. Show us Your glory.

Spirit Immortal, burn now within us, and purify us with Your flame. Transform Your people, fire of heaven, we live to bring praise to Your name.

Spirit, we wait for You, fall on Your people now. Cleanse us an make us new. Come, Spirit come! Spirit, we wait for You. Kindle a flame of love. Make of our hearts Your home. Come, Spirit, come!

Text: Susan Bentall Boersma, 2009, Music: David Lantz III, 2009

# Announcements & Preparation

# Introit—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs I



Text: Rhabanus Maurus, circa 800, Trans by Edward Caswall, 1849; Music: TRURO, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789.

### Call to Worship—from Psalm 104: 24, 27, 30-31, 33-34

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

All: These all look to You, to give them food in due season.

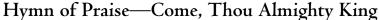
Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

All: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works.

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

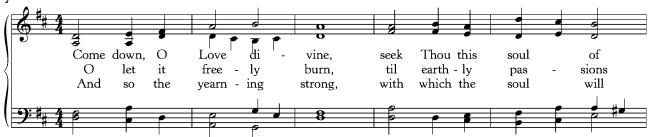
All: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.





Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: TRINITY, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

# Hymn of Praise—Come Down, O Love Divine





Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434, Tr Richard Littledale, 1867; Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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

# New Testament Reading—Acts 2:I-4, I4-2I

The Birth of the Church and the Coming of the Kingdom on the Day of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

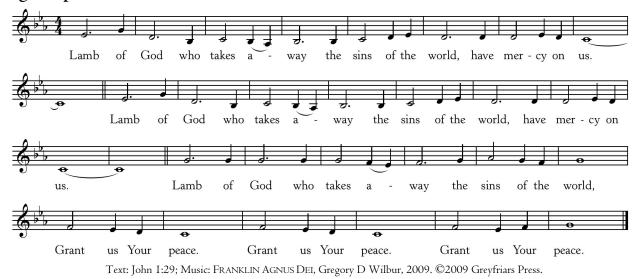
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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



### Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Ephesians 4:I-4, I4-I6

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing that you have made us to be one body, in one Spirit, called to one hope.

But our pride and impatience have spawned only dissension and division.

All: We have not been strong in the strength of your might and have not readied ourselves for the daily work of reconciliation.

Pastor: We have neglected the grace given to us by Christ's gift and have failed to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Forgive us for being tossed to and fro by selfish whims, for building our own kingdoms rather than living in submission to Christ's Kingdom.

Pastor: Help us to speak the truth in love, and walk in it.

Rescue us and fill us with the Spirit, that Christ may be formed in us.

# Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—I Colossians I:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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# Hymn of Praise—Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God



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### Resurrection Stories—Brent & Andrea Roberts

# The Reading of the Word—Genesis II:I-26

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> These are the generations of Shem. When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood. <sup>11</sup> And Shem lived after he fathered Arpachshad 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>12</sup> When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, he fathered Shelah. <sup>13</sup> And Arpachshad lived after he fathered Shelah 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>14</sup> When Shelah had lived 30 years, he fathered Eber. <sup>15</sup> And Shelah lived after he fathered Eber 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>16</sup> When Eber had lived 34 years, he fathered Peleg. <sup>17</sup> And Eber lived after he fathered Peleg 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>18</sup> When Peleg had lived 30 years, he fathered Reu. <sup>19</sup> And Peleg lived after he fathered Reu 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>20</sup> When Reu had lived 32 years, he fathered Serug. <sup>21</sup> And Reu lived after he fathered Serug 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>22</sup> When Serug had lived 30 years, he fathered Nahor. <sup>23</sup> And Serug lived after he fathered Nahor 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>24</sup>When Nahor had lived 29 years, he fathered Terah. <sup>25</sup> And Nahor lived after he fathered Terah II9 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>26</sup>When Terah had lived 70 years, he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

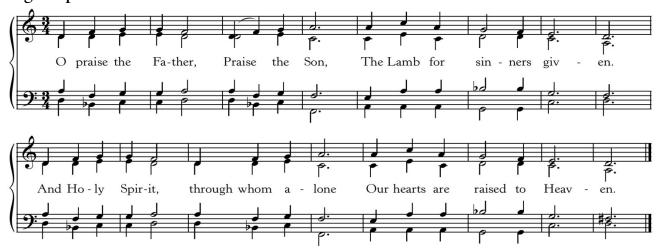
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

# Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, pt 16

The Tower of Babel

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

### Sung Response—O Praise the Father



Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

# 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.

### Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

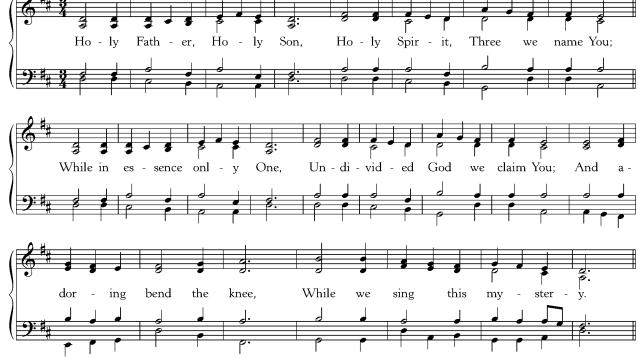
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to

give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

### Sung Response—Holy God We Praise Your Name, Vs 4



Text: Based on Te Deum, 4th c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774.

## 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.

# Choral Hymn of Communion—Let Thy Holy Presence Come Upon Us

Let thy holy presence come upon us, we pray, O loving Spirit, come dwell among us; Show us your truth and love, O Lord!

Pavel Tchesnokov, 1877-1944, Arr by Hal H. Hopson, 2003

# Hymn of Communion—O God, the Holy Spirit



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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.

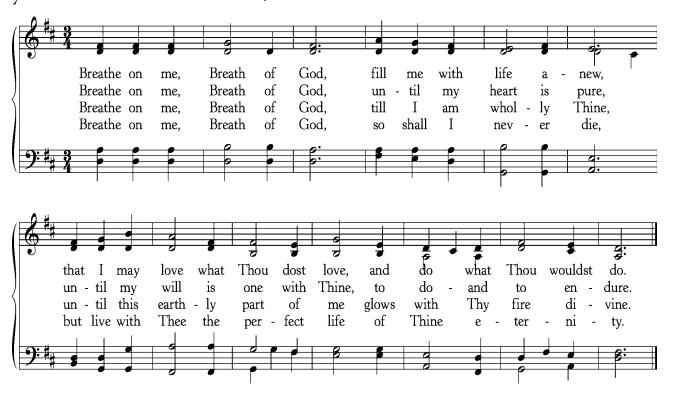
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

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—Breathe on Me, Breath of God



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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—John 14:25-27a

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." Amen.

# Sung Response—There is a Redeemer



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**Prayer Focus**— Christ Community Church (CCC) is a Presbyterian Church in America church plant in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Hunter and Abbie Bailey, with their three kids, moved to Fayetteville in the summer of 2013. This spring we transitioned from a mission church to a particular church, ordaining and installing our first group of elders and deacons. It's been incredible to see the Lord grow His church!

- Please pray for our long-term worship space. We recently found out our plans to move back into a theater space downtown fell through. It was disappointing but we trust that the Lord will provide an even better home of our young church. Our desire is to be located in downtown Fayetteville. Our city has a distinctive cultural center, and CCC wants to be a part of this influential space.
- Pray that we would be a church that models kingdom diversity. We want to be a church that experiences greater minority involvement and a community that encourages minority leadership. We ask you to pray that the "every tribe, tongue, and nation" of new heavens and the new earth community is reflected in the CCC family.
- Pray that the members of CCC would have zeal for the unchurched, the unbeliever, the burnt out, and the disconnected.

# 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 James

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, "The Tower of Babel" is taken from Genesis II:I-26. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- Kent Hughes writes, "This story of Babel mirrors humanity's attempt in Eden to grasp power apart from God." Take a few minutes to discuss this quote, drawing parallels between Genesis 3 and 11. What other places in the Bible or in history have you seen this ungodly grasp for power?
- The people of Babel wanted to build a tower in order to make a name for themselves (v.4). How does this desire strike at the heart of what it means to be made in the image of God? In what way(s) do you see this same desire alive in our culture today? What about in your own heart?
- The confounding of the languages was in some sense a judgment from God. What significance should we derive from the fact that confusion is a type of judgment?
- At Pentecost in Acts 2, a reversal of the Tower of Babel takes place. Notice: the Spirit doesn't
  remove the diverse languages, but allows each people to hear in their own language. He brings
  clarity out of the confusion! What does this teach us about the nature of God's salvation?
- What would change about your life if the reality of Pentecost were more real to your heart? What would change in our community?

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