



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Sixth Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone family,

In February, the elders voted to begin a new officer nomination, training, and election cycle at Cornerstone. Later that same month, we opened a nomination period for officers that lasted until Sunday, March 13. After all the nominations were collected, contacts were made to the men who were nominated along with information about officer training. After prayerfully considering the nomination and speaking with their wives (if applicable), the men chose to either accept or decline the nomination.



In this election cycle, two men, Preston Brooks and Mark Mitchell, accepted their nomination and entered training. Both of these brothers filled out the Officer Readiness Questionnaire as a first step in the process and are meeting weekly in the first phase of officer training. If you would,

please remember Preston and Mark and their families as they take this journey. Ask the Lord to grow them in and through training and provide them light on the path as they seek his call.



In closing, I want to share some good news with you. At our Leadership Meeting in April, the Finance Committee presented an overview of Cornerstone's financial health and published our 3rd quarter and fiscal year-to-date numbers. Please find the report below. As you can see, God has abundantly provided! Thanks to your faithful and cheerful giving (2 Corinthians 9:6-7), Cornerstone is in as good health financially as we've ever been. To God be the glory!

As we press toward the end of the fiscal year (June 30), ministry leaders and the finance committee are busy crunching numbers and making projections for next year's budget. A strong finish to this fiscal year will go a long way in laying foundations for an expanded Cornerstone ministry in the next budget year. So, let's keep the course, trusting God to provide all we need.

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church 3rd Quarter Financial Report 2021/22

| | <u>3rd Quarter 2021/22</u> | | | <u>9 Months 2021/22</u> | | |
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| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Diff</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Diff</u> |
| Giving | \$348,778 | \$242,350 | \$106,428 | \$1,024,724 | \$810,650 | \$214,074 |
| Expense | \$233,140 | \$256,064 | -\$22,923 | \$733,844 | \$782,814 | -\$48,969 |
| Difference | \$115,637 | -\$13,714 | \$129,351 | \$290,879 | \$27,835 | \$263,043 |

Your servant,

Steve

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

I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this

blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was

dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!

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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 22:22-23, 26-28

Pastor: Tell of my name to your families, in the midst of the congregation offer praise.

All: We who fear You, Lord, will praise You.

We will glorify You and stand in awe of You.

Pastor: For kingship belongs to me, and I rule over the nations.

All: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek You shall praise Your name!

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

All: and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

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 - en - 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.

Old Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 6:20-25

²⁰“When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?’ ²¹then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.²² And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. ²³And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. ²⁴And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. ²⁵And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.’

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

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Text: John 1:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Psalm 10

Pastor: Why, O Lord, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

All: For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul.
He is greedy for gain more than he desires the Lord.

Pastor: In pride, we do not seek You,
and too often our thoughts are, “God will not see.”

All: In arrogance we think that we shall not be moved;
that we shall not meet adversity.

Pastor: Our mouths are filled with deceit and oppression, mischief and iniquity.

All: Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand
and forget not my affliction.

Pastor: The proud renounces You and says in his heart, “You will not call me to account.”

All: But you do see, and You are our helper.
You call the wicked to account.
We confess our arrogance and pride to You.

Pastor: You are king forever and ever;
You hear the desire of the afflicted.

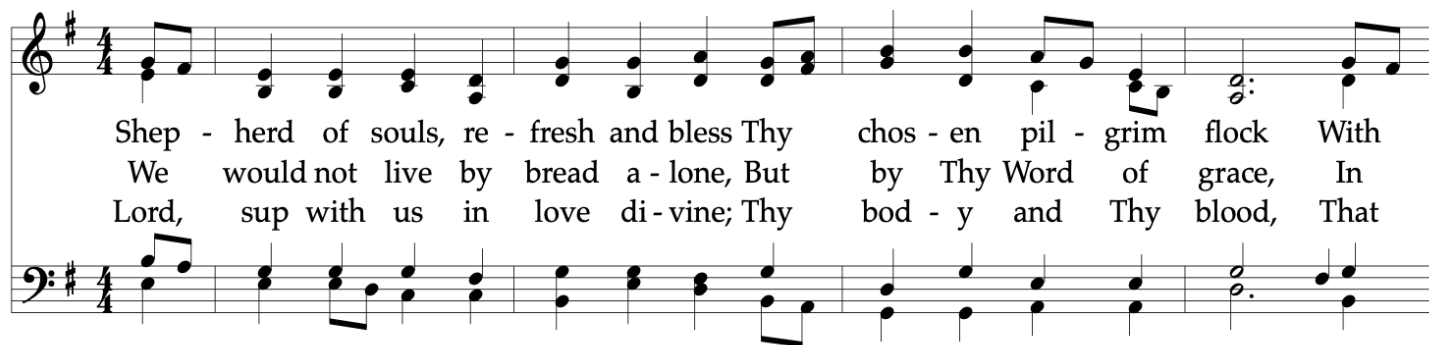
All: Strengthen our hearts and hear our cry.

Silent Prayers of Confession

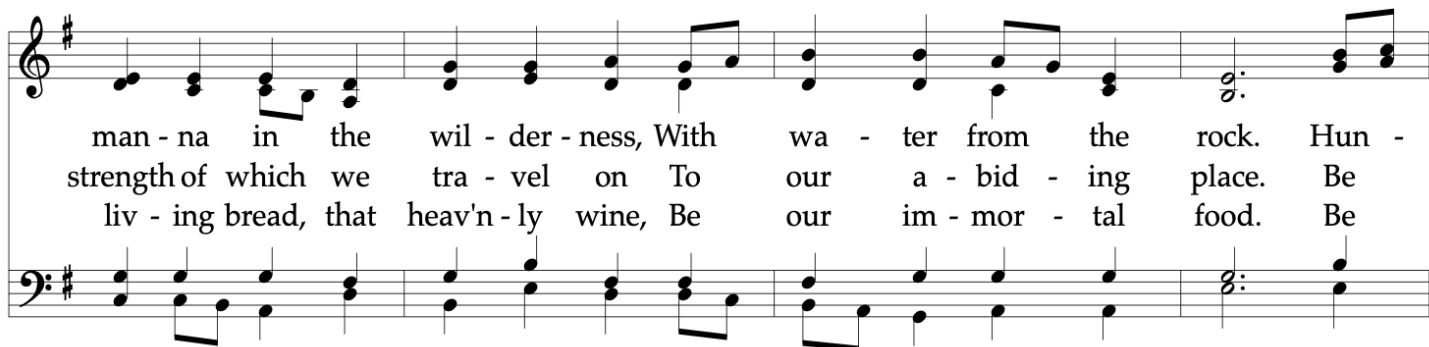
Assurance of Pardon—Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

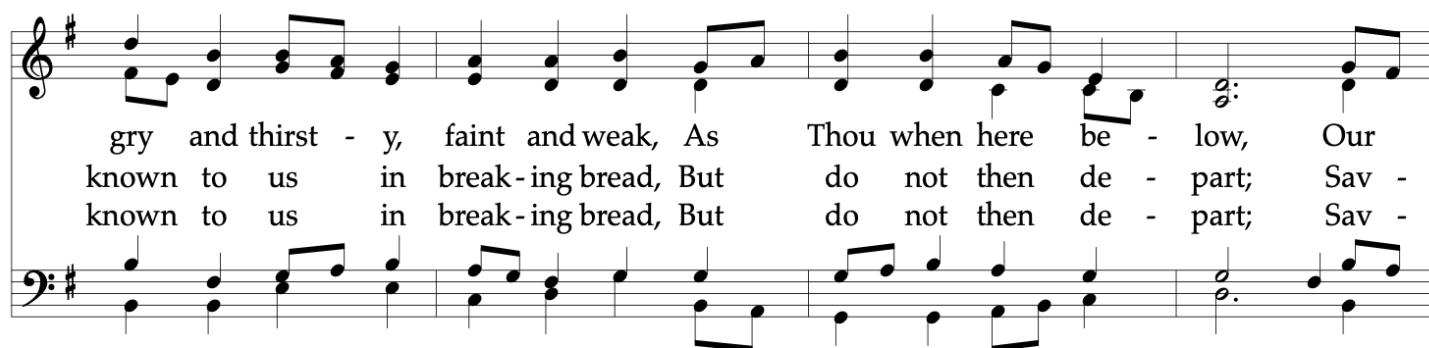
Hymn of Praise—Shepherd of Souls



Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless Thy chos - en pil - grim flock With
We would not live by bread a - lone, But by Thy Word of grace, In
Lord, sup with us in love di - vine; Thy bod - y and Thy blood, That



man - na in the wil - der - ness, With wa - ter from the rock. Hun -
strength of which we tra - vel on To our a - bid - ing place. Be
liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food. Be



gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, As Thou when here be - low, Our
known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part; Sav -
known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part; Sav -



souls the joys ce - lest - ial seek Which from Thy sor - rows flow.
ior, a - bide with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.
ior, a - bide with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.

Text: James Montgomery, 1835; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Tune.

The Reading of the Word—Exodus 12:14-28

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. ¹⁵Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. ¹⁷And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. ¹⁸In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. ²⁰You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

²¹Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

²⁸Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Delivered: A Study in Exodus, part 15

Eating Our Way to Faith

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.' are written below the treble staff. The second system follows the same format, with the treble staff melody and bass staff accompaniment. The lyrics 'And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.' are written below the treble staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.

And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

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.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Sanctus

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 8: O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth

O Lord, our Lord, in all the earth How ex-cel-lent Thy Name! Thy glo-ry
When I re-gard the won-drous Heavens, Thy hand-i-work on high, The moon and
On man Thy wis-dom hath be-stowed A pow-er well di-vine; With hon-or
Thy might-y works and won-drous grace Thy glor-y, Lord, pro-claim. O Lord, our
Thou have spread a-far In all the star-ry frame. From lips of
stars, or-dained by Thee, O what is man, I cry. O what is
Thou hast crowned his head With glo-ry like to Thine. Thou hast sub-
Lord, in all the earth How ex-cel-lent Thy Name! O Lord, our
chil-dren, Thou, O Lord, Hast might-y strength or-dained, That ad-ver-
man, in Thy re-gard to hold so large a place, And what the
ject-ed all to him, and lord of all is he, Of flocks and
Lord, in all the earth How bright Thy name, how high! Thou who hast
sar-ies should be stilled And venge-ful foes re-strained.
son of man, that Thou Dost vis-it him in grace.
herds, and beasts and birds, And all with-in the sea.
pour'd Thy glo-ry forth Be-yond th'e-ter-nal sky.

Text: 1912 Psalter; Keble Psalter Ed. Noah Aikens Music: COSMIC SANCTUARY, Noah Aikens

Hymn of Communion—We Will Feast

We will feast in the house of Zi - on; we will sing with our hearts re-stored.

He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er; we will feast

and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the
 2. In the dark of night be-fore the
 3. Eve-ry vow we've bro - ken and be-

fire; He is the Lord, our God. We are not con -
 dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the pro-mised
 trayed, You are the Faith - ful One. And from the

sumed by the flood; up - held, pro-tect - ed, gath - ered up.
 morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
 gar - den to the grave, bind us to-geth - er, bring sha - lom.

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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,

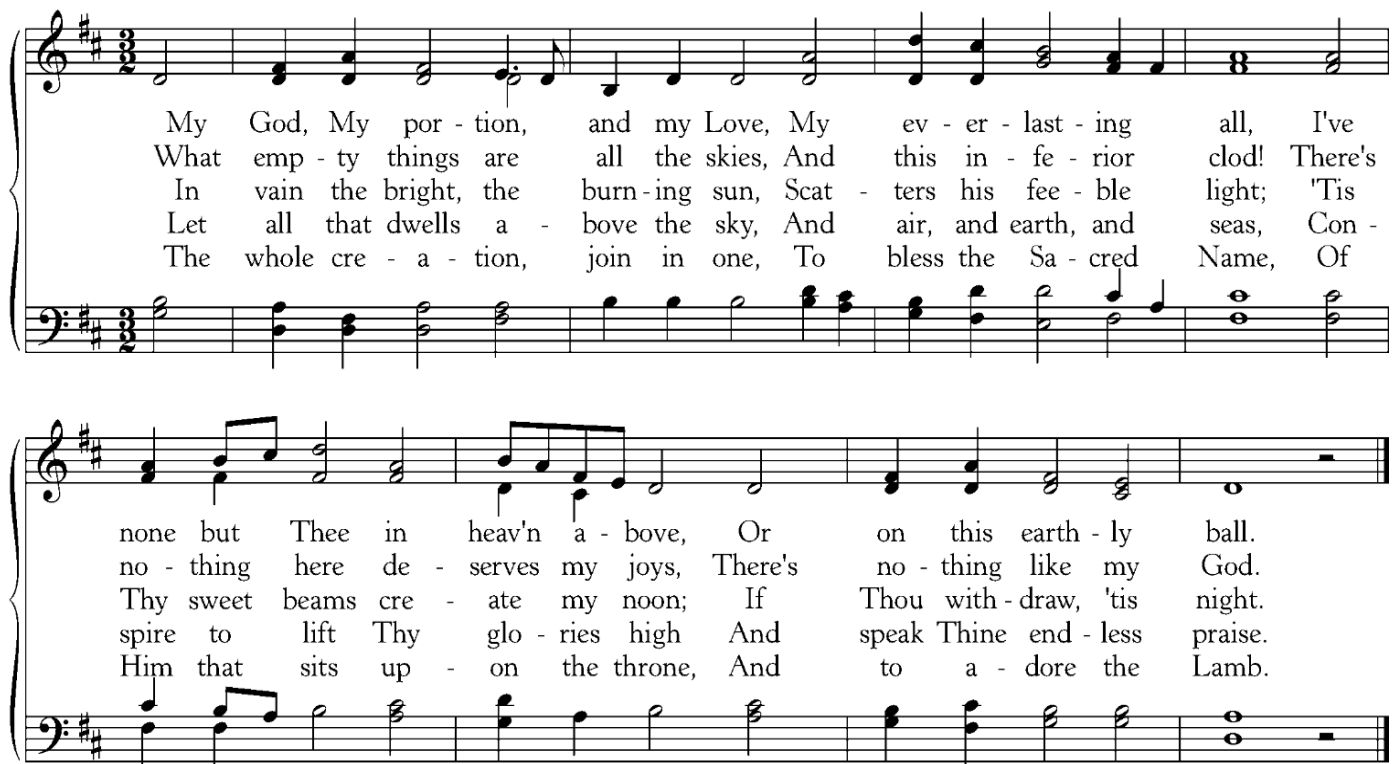
As we forgive our debtors.

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—My God, My Portion, and My Love



My God, My por - tion, and my Love, My ev - er - last - ing all, I've
What emp - ty things are all the skies, And this in - fe - rior clod! There's
In vain the bright, the burn - ing sun, Scat - ters his fee - ble light; 'Tis
Let all that dwells a - bove the sky, And air, and earth, and seas, Con -
The whole cre - a - tion, join in one, To bless the Sa - cred Name, Of
none but Thee in heav'n a - bove, Or on this earth - ly ball.
no - thing here de - serves my joys, There's no - thing like my God.
Thy sweet beams cre - ate my noon; If Thou with - draw, 'tis night.
spire to lift Thy glo - ries high And speak Thine end - less praise.
Him that sits up - on the throne, And to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, from Southern Harmony.

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—Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Thou in Whose Presence, Vs I I

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

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

Missions Prayer Focus—Gavin Breeden is finishing his seventh year as the campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Tennessee Tech. On June 1 he will transition into a new role as the RUF campus minister for the University of Pittsburgh. He and his family (Shalaine, Addie Pearl, Miles, and Stella) will be moving to Pittsburgh this summer. His replacement at TTU, Ryan Angel, along with his family will be moving to Cookeville this summer. Gavin is so thankful to Cornerstone for their faithful prayers and financial support these last seven years!

Please pray:

- For the Breeden family in their transition to a new city and ministry
- For Ryan Angel and his wife Charli and his daughters Scarlet and Kinsley as they move to Cookeville
- For the students of RUF at TTU as they adjust to a new campus minister
- For the RUF ministries of PITT and TTU to flourish in the coming year.

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: Rooted

Join us at Jim Warren Park June 1-3, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for VBS! We will be exploring how we grow in our faith by looking at God's design in nature. VBS is for rising K-rising 6th graders. Sign up online today!

Prayer Meeting

Throughout May, the prayer team will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor at Cornerstone. The meeting will move to Monday evenings for the months of June and July. Everyone is welcome! Submit prayer requests online or email to prayer@cstonepres.org.

College Students: RUF

Nashville's Reformed University Fellowship will meet at Midtown 12 South, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. from May 31 through the end of July. All college students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Women's Summer Bible Study and Fellowships

Sisters, make plans to be at Cornerstone on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning June 7. Nancy Guthrie will lead us in the second half of *Blessed*. Personal Bible study questions are available on the Women's Ministry page of the website, or printed copies are available to pick up at both chapel entrances. Also plan to join us before study on June 21 and July 19 for a catered fellowship supper. Registration is not required for the study, but you do need to sign up for supper through the website or app. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Cornerstone Men: Standing Firm in the Faith

Brothers, block off Thursday nights in July! The men of Cornerstone are going to enjoy some food, fellowship, and man-to-man talks from guest preachers from around middle Tennessee. More information is forthcoming! In the meantime, go ahead and reserve the evenings of July 7, 14, 21, and 28 on your summer calendar.

Life at Cornerstone

The best way to keep up with all things Cornerstone is through our weekly email, "Life at Cornerstone." It drops into your inbox every Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. Subscribe through the homepage of the website.

Young Adults Picnic

The Young Adults will be gathering after the second service (around 1:00 p.m.) on May 29 at Arrington Vineyards. Bring your lunch, a blanket and/or chairs, and join us for some fun and fellowship! Contact: youngadults@cstonepres.org

Cornerstone Youth: Upcoming Events

May 27: Guys game night (The Allens')

May 28: Girls game night (TBD)

June 8: Wednesday nights resume (The Allens')

June 11: Kayaking trip

Find out more about all these events on the Youth Ministries page of the church website.

Church Fellowship on May 29

Come join us outside on Sunday, May 29 in the courtyard between services. There will not be Sunday School, so all are invited to fellowship with one another while enjoying coffee and doughnuts.

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "Eating our Way to Faith," is taken from Exodus 12:14-28. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- Clair Davis says the Christian life is "a combination of amnesia and déjà vu." What does she mean by this?
- Why did God require the people of Israel to celebrate Passover every year?
- Why was God so particular that the people ate unleavened bread?
- What is the relationship of Passover to the Lord's Supper?
- What was your biggest takeaway from today's message?

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