



# CORNERSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time*  
*27 May 2018*

## *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

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*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

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

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/2 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on a whole note C4, followed by a half note D4, and then a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'Come, O Cre - a - tor Spir - it blest, And in our souls take up Your rest; Come,' are written below the treble staff. The second system continues the melody with the lyrics 'with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid, To fill the hearts which You have made.' The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Come, O Cre - a - tor Spir - it blest, And in our souls take up Your rest; Come,

with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid, To fill the hearts which You have made.

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

## Call to Worship—from Psalm 92:1-4, 12-13

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

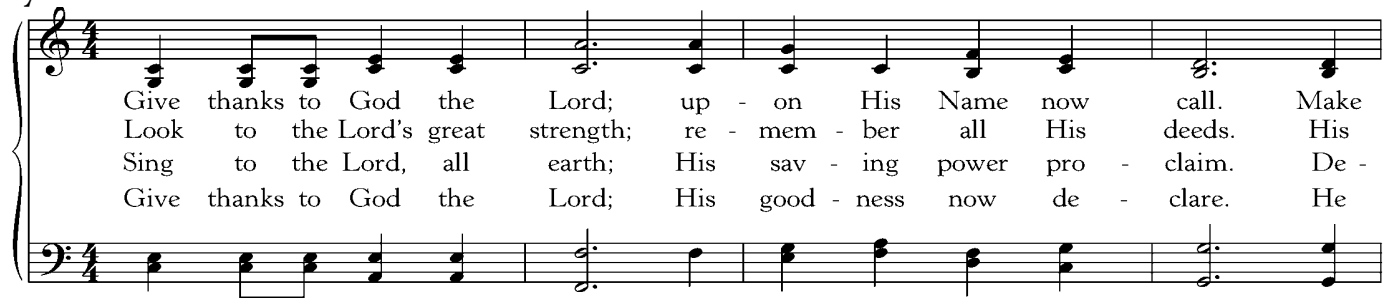
Pastor: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

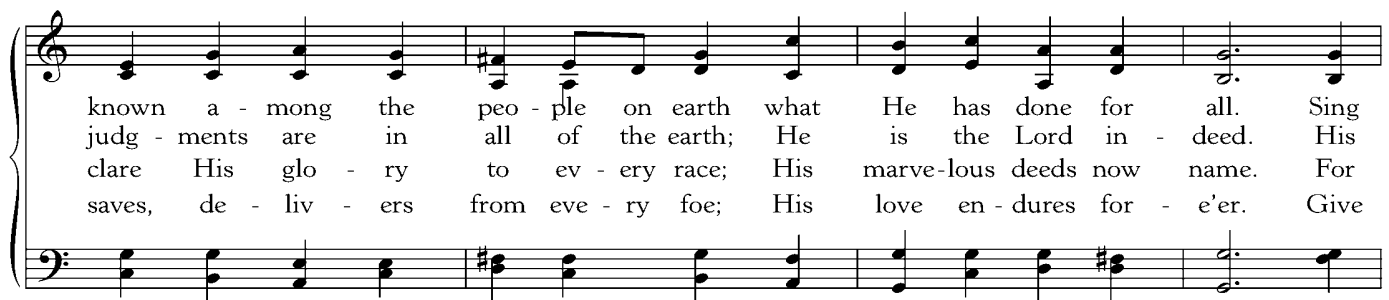
Pastor: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

All: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

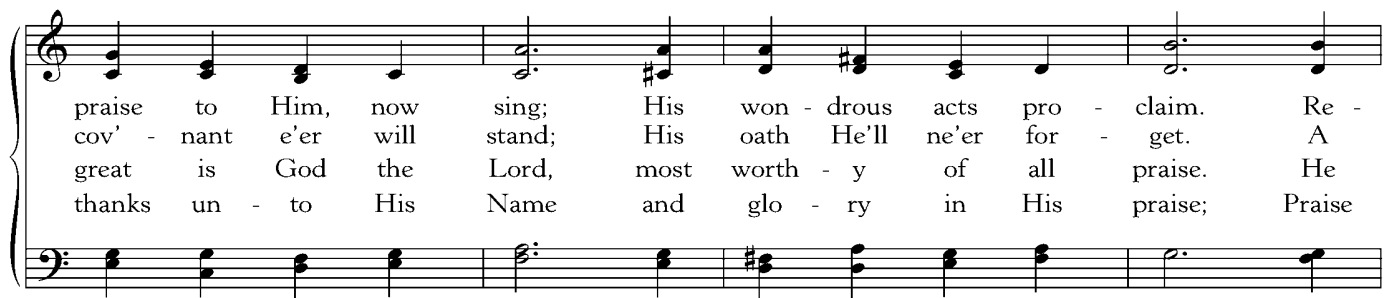
## Hymn of Praise—Give Thanks to God the Lord



Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call. Make  
Look to the Lord's great strength; re - mem - ber all His deeds. His  
Sing to the Lord, all earth; His sav - ing power pro - claim. De -  
Give thanks to God the Lord; His good - ness now de - clare. He



known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all. Sing  
judg - ments are in all of the earth; He is the Lord in - deed. His  
clare His glo - ry to ev - ery race; His marve - lous deeds now name. For  
saves, de - liv - ers from eve - ry foe; His love en - dures for - e'er. Give



praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim. Re -  
cov' - nant e'er will stand; His oath He'll ne'er for - get. A  
great is God the Lord, most worth - y of all praise. He  
thanks un - to His Name and glo - ry in His praise; Praise



joice, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.  
thou - sand gen - er - a - tions pass; God's word con - tin - ues yet.  
made the heav - ens and the earth; fear Him and give Him praise.  
to the God of Is - ra - el for ev - er - last - ing days.

Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

## Hymn of Praise—How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your  
 When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of  
 When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -  
 The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I will not, I  
 faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to you he has  
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to  
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your trou - bles to  
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de -  
 will not de - sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vour to  
 said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 shake, I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake.

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

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

## New Testament Reading—Ephesians 4:17-24

*Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God*

<sup>17</sup>Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>But that is not the way you learned Christ!— <sup>21</sup>assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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.

### Corporate Confession of Sin—based on James 1:12-15

Pastor: Lord, we come to You confessing. You call the person blessed  
who remains steadfast under trial, for when they have stood the test,  
they will receive the crown of life.

All: You have promised life to those who love You and who stand firm.

Pastor: In our weakness and in our desire to avoid responsibility,  
we want to say that we are being tempted by You.

All: We know You cannot be tempted with evil and that You tempt no one,  
but we want to shift blame.

Pastor: In fact, it is our own desires that entice and lure us when we are tempted.

All: We place our desires as the affection of our hearts instead of desiring You.

Pastor: Our sinful desires when they have conceived give birth to sin.

All: And sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

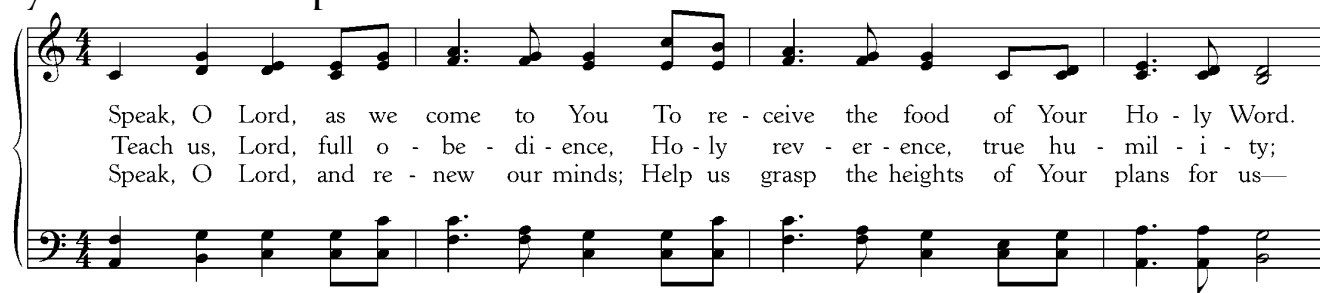
### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—I Corinthians 10:13

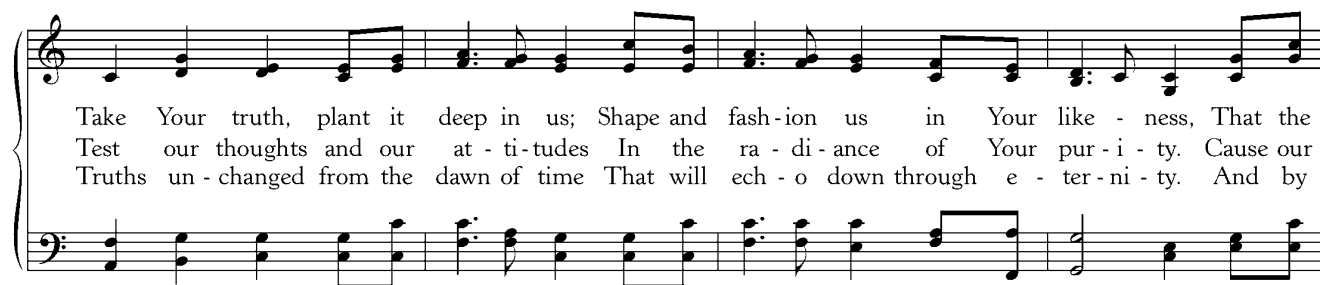
No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

## Hymn of Praise—Speak O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.  
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;  
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash-ion us in Your like - ness, That the  
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.  
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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## Missions Report—Jan Berkompas, Crossroads Bible Institute

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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### The Reading of the Word—Philippians 1:9-11

<sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

### Sermon

*A Discerning Love*

—Tony Giles, *Assistant Pastor*



## Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (*from St. Patrick's Breastplate*)

Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-side me, Christ to

win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in

dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

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

## 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

## 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.

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

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system contains the first line of the response, the second system contains the second line, and the third system contains the third line. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with block chords and moving lines in both hands.

Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name You;

While in es - sence onl - y One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; And a -

dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing this my - ster - y.

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

## Celebration of First Communion—Eden Ewing, Daughter of Scott & Katie Ewing

### 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—Give Me Jesus



1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn -  
 - ing when I rise give me Je - - - - sus.

**Chorus**  
 Give me Je - - - - sus, give me Je - - - - sus. You can  
 have all this world, but give me Je - - - - sus.

2. And when I am a-lone, oh, and when I am a-lone, and  
 3. And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and

when I am a-lone give me Je - - - - sus.  
 when I come to die give me Je - - - - sus.

Text and Music: African-American Spiritual.

### 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.

# Hymn of Communion—There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn from Em - man - uel's  
 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his  
 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup -  
 Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its

veins; And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y  
 day; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a -  
 ply, Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I  
 power, Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no

stains. Lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains; And  
 way. Washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way; And  
 die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; Re -  
 more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till

sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.  
 there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.  
 deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
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Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

## 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—May the Mind of Christ, Vs I-5

May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, Live in  
May the Word of God dwell rich - ly In my  
May the peace of God my Fa - ther Rule my  
May the love of Je - sus fill me As the  
May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and

me from day to day, By His love and  
heart from hour to hour, So that all may  
life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be  
wa - ters fill the sea; Him ex - alt - ing,  
brave to face the foe, Look - ing on - ly

power con - trol - ling All I do and say.  
see I tri - umph On - ly through His power.  
calm to com - fort Sick and sor - row - ing.  
self a - ba - sing, This is vic - to - ry.  
un - to Je - sus As I on - ward go.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

## 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 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

### Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine up - on you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The  
Lord be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn His face to - ward you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.  
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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**Prayer Focus**— Dave and Robin Dillard serve as the Executive Director and Office Administrator for Servant Group International (SGI), a non-profit ministry focused on sharing the hope and love of Christ in Muslim communities. SGI was established in 1992 in response to the large number of Iraqi Kurdish refugees relocating to Nashville following the first Gulf War. Since that time, SGI has expanded to include outreach projects in Iraq, Turkey and Greece. In Nashville, SGI manages a network of staff, volunteers and programs designed to help Nashville-area Christians meet and build Christ-centered friendships with their Muslim neighbors. In Iraq, SGI helps staff and resource a network of Christian schools enrolling thousands of Muslim students, and supports a number of projects designed to help refugee families return to their homes and rebuild their lives after ISIS. SGI also organizes short-term teams and projects to help serve among the large number of Syrian, Afghan and Iraqi refugees now in Greece.

- Pray for more volunteers to help with our summer reading and feeding programs for refugee kids in Nashville.
- Pray for our newest team members heading to Iraq in August, and for their support-raising this summer.
- Pray for our ability to encourage and shepherd a growing community of volunteers.
- Pray for the young Kurdish church in Nashville, that it will persevere and grow.

## 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, "A Discerning Love," is taken from Philippians 1:9-11. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family friend or Home Fellowship Group.

1. Read Philippians 1:1-11. How do you fit together the principle of 1:6 and the prayer of 1:9-11? Do you see tension or conflict between the two? How does Philippians 2:12-13 contribute to your understanding?
2. Why do you think Paul insists that love needs to increase? that love needs to be discerning or informed? What is "wise love?"
3. "The whole art of life, I sometimes think, is the art of knowing what to leave out, what to ignore, what to put to one side." (Martyn Lloyd-Jones). Do you agree? If so, what areas do you find difficult to distinguish between? How do you go about making distinctions and deciding what to omit? What have you found helpful in that practice? Is there anything you need to ignore or put aside?
4. Read Psalm 1:3 and Jeremiah 17:7-8 as background to verse 11. How does the gospel "energize" love and fruitfulness?
5. If the Father (verse 6) is ceaselessly at work for the glory of the Son, and the Son (verse 11) is ceaselessly at work for the glory of the Father, how does that encourage you to be ceaselessly at work in your own spiritual growth? What are your plans to grow toward maturity? What can you do this summer?

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