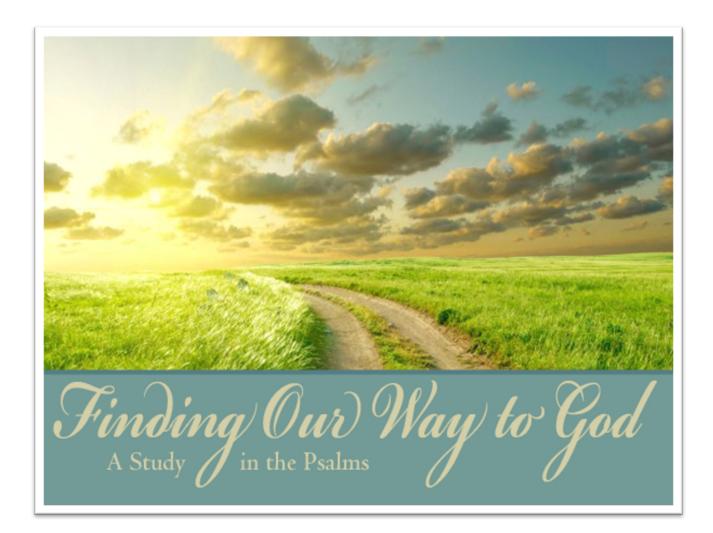


CORNERSTONE Presbyterian Church



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Ordinary Time—The Sundays of Pentecost 21 June 2020

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

For those of you who may have missed the big news coming out of the Shurden household, let me take a moment to get you up to speed. Much to our surprise, Christy (my wife) and I recently found out that we're expecting a fifth child. Yes, you read that right. #5! And, yes, we're as surprised as you. Check that: we're *more surprised* than you! Thankfully, God has given us a deep love for children, so it didn't take very long to start getting excited about a new little Shurden (Due date is Dec. 30th).

Just as the excitement was taking hold, some difficult news broke. We learned last week that the prenatal blood screening test indicated a high probability of a chromosome abnormality in the baby. To be more specific, the doctor said there's a 90% chance the baby will be Down Syndrome.

That news knocked the wind out of us.

After the appointment, we took the evening and next day to prayerfully let this news sink in. We took time to speak with our kids, parents, and a few close friends. We asked questions. We worried. We cried. Then, we'd collect ourselves and be fine for a while. And then something would be thought or said, and the cycle of questions and worries would start back over.

Thankfully, with each passing day, the questions and worries lessen, as we learn (again and again) not to face tomorrow's troubles with today's grace. Jesus tells us not to be anxious about tomorrow for a reason. For starters, we're not there yet. Moreover, we're not even promised tomorrow (Matthew 6:34). This is why we must do what Christians have done for centuries, drawing near to the throne of grace in our time of need knowing that His mercies will be new each morning (Lamentations 3:23; Hebrews 4:16).

During an anxious season a few years ago, I penned what I've come to call the five R's.

- Remember God's promises (Isaiah 26:4)
- Rest in God's providence (Romans 8:28)
- Redeemed by God's love (Romans 8:37-39)
- Release all worldly fears in prayer (I Peter 5:7)
- Relax into God's perfect peace (Philippians 4:6-7)

As you might expect, Christy and I revisited these precious realities this week when we sensed our heads falling below the water line. As we meditated, talked and prayed, we were slowly lifted out of the waves until we finally regained our footing on the Rock of our salvation. We'll undoubtedly be rehearsing these truths again and again as the waves of fear and sadness come in the days ahead. On that note, I'd ask you to pray for us in five specific ways:

- I. Pray for a healthy baby.
- 2. Pray for unwavering trust in God and ever-increasing peace and resolve in whatever path He has for our family.
- 3. Pray for wisdom on decisions we have to make on future testing, since the most confirming test also has increased health risk for the baby. We've got a few weeks to think and pray about it before we have to make a decision.
- 4. Pray for God's good and perfect will to be done.
- 5. Most of all, pray for God's glory to be put on beautiful display no matter what!

We're so grateful to be a part of a church family that loves us. We're especially thankful right now for the opportunity to lean on your love and be assured of your prayers on our behalf.

Love you all. Your servant, Nate 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—Give Thanks to God the Lord, Vs I



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

Call to Worship—Psalm 86:8-13

Pastor: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

- All: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
- Pastor: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
- All: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.
- Pastor: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.
- All: For great is your steadfast love toward me;
- Pastor: you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Hymn of Praise-Rejoice, the Lord Is King



Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

New Testament Reading—2 John I:I-6

¹The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, ² because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

³Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

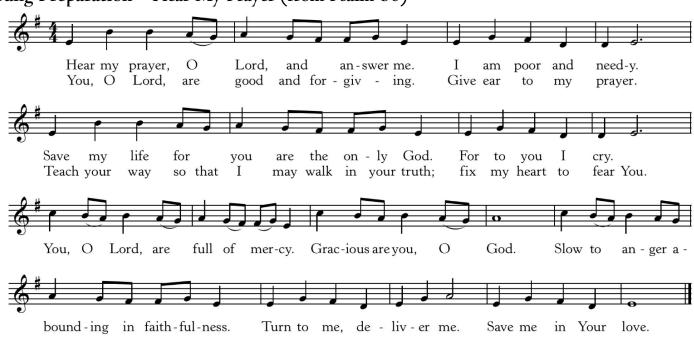
⁴I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. ⁵ And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

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 Preparation—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)

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Congregational Prayer for Confession of Sin-from Psalm 51:1-13

Pastor:	Have mercy of	n me, O God,	according to	your stea	adfast love;
	according t	o your abunda	ant mercy blo	t out my	transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

All: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon-Ezekiel 36:25-28

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Hymn of Praise—Speak O Lord



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The Reading of the Word—Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. ¹² Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. ¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. ¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. ¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. ¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. ¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. ²⁰ Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. ²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. ²² Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

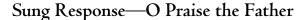
Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Summer Psalms: Finding Our Way to God, Series 2, Pt 3

Walking in the Truth

—Tony Giles, Pastor





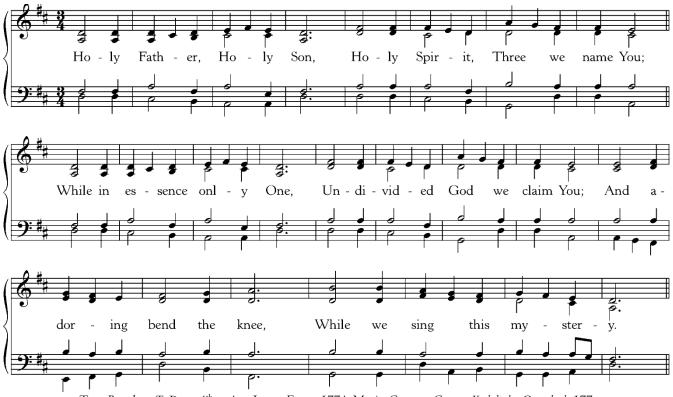
Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Sursum Corda

Elder:	The Lord be with you.	People: And also with you.	
Elder:	Lift up your hearts.	People: We lift them up to the Lord.	

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



Text: Based on Te Deum, 4th c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, 177

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

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

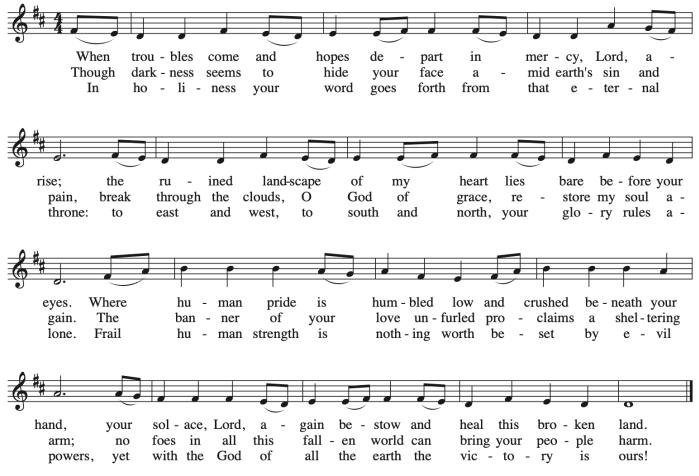
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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.

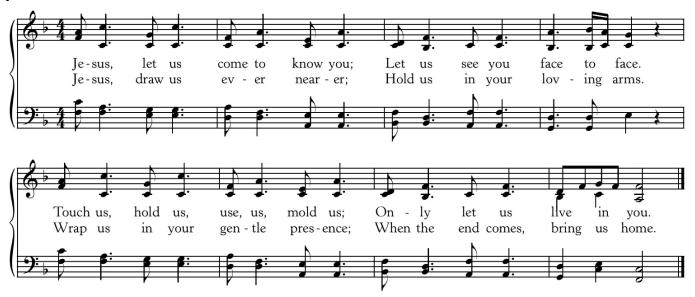
At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Psalm of the Month-Psalm 60: When Troubles Come



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Hymn of Communion—Jesus Let Us Come to Know You



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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.

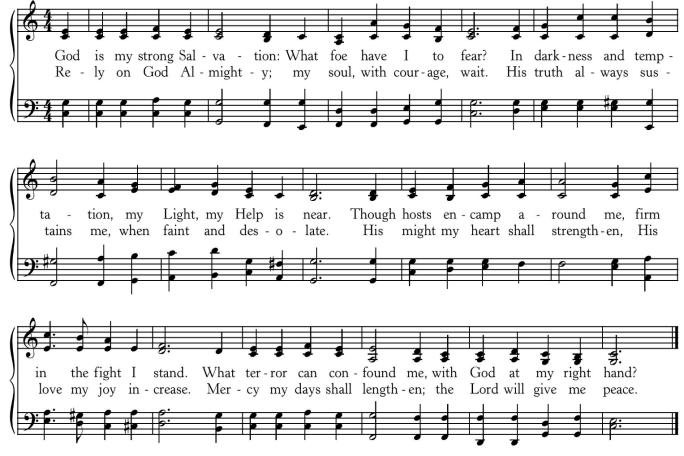
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

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—God is My Strong Salvation: Psalm 27



Text: Psalm 27, James Montgomery, 1822; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

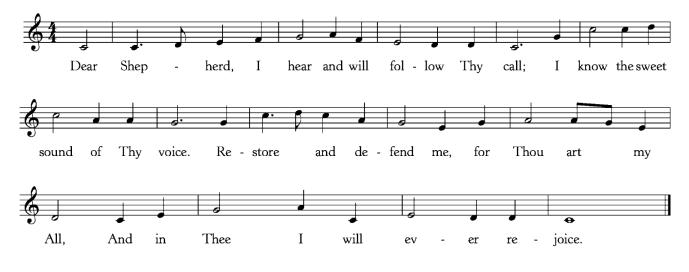
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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 Corinthians 3:17-18

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Thou in Whose Presence, Vs II



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

Welcome to Cornerstone! We're glad you're visiting with us today, and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out our visitor card by following this link. https://cornerstonepresbyterianchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/40/responses/new



Focus on Church Ministry

Exploring Cornerstone Class

If you're interested in learning more about Cornerstone or uniting in membership, please join Pastor Nate and other ministry staff for an online Zoom edition of the Exploring Cornerstone class. In this class, you will learn about the history, beliefs, vision, mission, and ministries of Cornerstone. Specific dates and times TBD. RSVP: susan@cstonepres.org

Men's Ministry-Bible Study

Set aside Thursday mornings for our Bible Study series, *Coffee with Calvin (& Friends)*—*True Prayer, True Power*. Thursday, June 25, we will meet at Franklin Mercantile for the first of five studies of Charles Spurgeon's sermons on prayer. We will meet every other Thursday, ending on August 20. We hope you'll join us to study the teaching of this powerful 19th century pastor. Study begins at 7:00 am; please stay after for a time of breakfast and extended fellowship with your brothers from Cornerstone.

Women's Ministry–Summer Bible Study

Join with other women from Cornerstone and around the world as we learn virtually from Nancy Guthrie's eight-week video Bible study series, *God Does His Best Work with Empty*. Nancy is also leading a Zoom call each Tuesday from 8:00 – 8:30pm just for Cornerstone women. Contact Martha or Julie (women@cstonepres.org) to find out how to sign up for the Zoom call and access the videos and accompanying Bible study questions.

New College Franklin

NCF is seeking housing for college students for the 2020/21 school year beginning in August. If you are interested in housing a student (or two!) or finding out more, contact Tammy McCoy. office@newcollegefranklin.org

Giving

Boxes for tithing as well as alms are available outside both chapel entrances. You can also give online via the church website.

Youth Group: Rising 7th-12 Graders

Summer Youth Group continues this Wednesday, June 24th, at the Allen's home from 6pm-8pm. 7th-12th grade students, please join us for swimming, dinner, and Bible study! Info and directions: Taylor Thompson (717-371-0848) or Eva Lewis (719-239-4246)

Rising 7th-9th Grade Girls

Join us for our first Bible study/discussion group on the book of Esther on Friday, June 26, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This study will be led by Eva Lewis and Olivia Stanton and held at Olivia's apartment. Contact Eva (<u>719-239-424</u>6) for directions.

Bookshelf Feature

The Whole Christ, by Sinclair Ferguson, \$9

Helping Christians walk the line between legalism on the one hand and antinomianism on the other, this book looks to the 300-year old Marrow controversy to shed valuable light on the law, the gospel, sanctification and more. This book and more are available on the bookshelf directly outside the church office.

Singers and Musicians

If you enjoy singing or play an instrument, we would be delighted to have the worship service enhanced by your gifts. Commitment to play or sing is usually once a month.

Contact: Greg Wilbur (greg@cstonepres.org)

Prayer Requests

Our prayer team would be honored to pray for you. Join the team and submit requests: prayer@cstonepres.org.

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