

# CORNERSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time

26 June 2022

## Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

It was a bustling week of business and fellowship at the 2022 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in Birmingham, AL. To help distill the many items of business from this week, I'll be pulling together a brief summary of key actions from this year's GA. In the meantime, I want to thank you for remembering us in your prayers. I must have heard from dozen or more of you, expressing the fact you were lifting up the commissioners from our church and the General Assembly as a whole. You have no idea what a comfort it was to know we were being remembered by you in prayer. Thank you!

I want you to be encouraged. God is at work in our denomination. There are many, many encouraging signs of spiritual fruit happening throughout the PCA, and it's a joy to partner with like-minded pastors, elders, and churches from across our denomination. At the same time, there are a variety of disagreements and differences across the denomination that continue to cause varying degrees of tension and struggle—which is to say, there is room for improvement and reformation. This should come as no surprise! In fact, our Presbyterian forefathers often said, *ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*—a phrase meaning, "The church reformed and always reforming." In other words, until the return of Jesus Christ, the work of the church's reformation and growth will never be done. Let us keep this in mind as together we labor for Christ's glory in the church in our generation (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Now, I want to hand the pen to our recently minted Hospitality Coordinator, Mr. Dan Fiedler. Dan has been hard at work on renewing and reorganizing Cornerstone's hospitality ministry so that we can better be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to one another and our community. Please listen closely to Dan's testimony and take to heart his message and invitation to you.

"I spent a year in Japan as a missionary teaching English and building relationships with adult students as a way to share the gospel. The students invited me, a stranger and foreigner, into their homes for meals and were extremely hospitable, though they weren't Christians. This caused a crisis of faith in my 21-year-old world. I thought being a Christian was being a "good" person. I viewed a missionary's job as saving the "bad" people and making them "good." I am grateful to have gone through this experience and to learn in a deeper way of the gospel, and the truth of I John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us." In other words, we are to serve others because we humbly realize that we have been served first.

In the power of the gospel, Cornerstone strives to be a hospitable congregation. We aim to fulfill Paul's words in Romans 15:7, "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." As the Hospitality Coordinator, I am charged to help lay foundations for and inculcate a spirit of hospitality at Cornerstone. Toward that end, I'd like to ask you to spend some time recalling the ways that Christ has welcomed you by his grace. Then consider how the welcome of the gospel has been expressed in your life in demonstrable ways. It might be through something as ordinary as a shared meal or an invitation into someone's home. As we respond to His welcome, we want to make room in our hearts, homes, schedules and budgets for others.

If you are interested in learning more about or potentially partnering with the Hospitality Ministry of Cornerstone, please come share a potluck with other members that are interested in discussing and sharing how God has welcomed us, and how we, as Cornerstone, can welcome others through the Hospitality Ministry for the glory of God. You can sign up for the potluck through the website, app, or simply scan the QR code. I hope to see you there."



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—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs 1&4



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

## Call to Worship—from Psalm III:I-5, 7-9

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

All: The LORD is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

Pastor: They are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Pastor: Holy and awesome is his name!

## Hymn of Praise—Holy, Holy, Holy



## Old Testament Reading—Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;

he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

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—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer. Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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## Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. As your chosen ones, we have not always put on compassionate hearts, kindness or humility.

All: You have called us holy and beloved, but yet we fail to be meek and patient, nor do we bear with one another.

Leader: As You have forgiven us, so we also must forgive.

All: We neglect to put on love which should bind everything together in perfect harmony.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts—for to this we have been called as one body.

All: Help us shift the gaze from our own lives, and be thankful.

Leader: May Your Word dwell in us richly that we may teach and admonish one another in all wisdom as we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

All: Let these melodies fill us with thankfulness in our hearts to You.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon—from Colossians I:16-17, 19-20

By Christ, all things were created in heaven and on earth—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.



Text: St 1 The Psalter, 1887; st 2-4 The Psalter, 1912; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2020.

## The Reading of the Word—Exodus 15:1-21

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

- "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider<sup>[a]</sup> he has thrown into the sea.
- <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.
- <sup>4</sup> "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
- <sup>5</sup>The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.
- <sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- <sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.
- <sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
- The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
  I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
- I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'
- <sup>10</sup> You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- <sup>II</sup> "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
- <sup>12</sup> You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.
- <sup>13</sup> "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- <sup>14</sup> The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
- <sup>15</sup>Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

<sup>17</sup>You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O LORD, which your hands have established.

<sup>19</sup> For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. <sup>20</sup> Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

## Sermon—Delivered: A Study in Exodus, part 18

A Reason to Sing

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor* 

## Sung Response—Let Glory Be to God on High



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The LORD will reign forever and ever."

## 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.

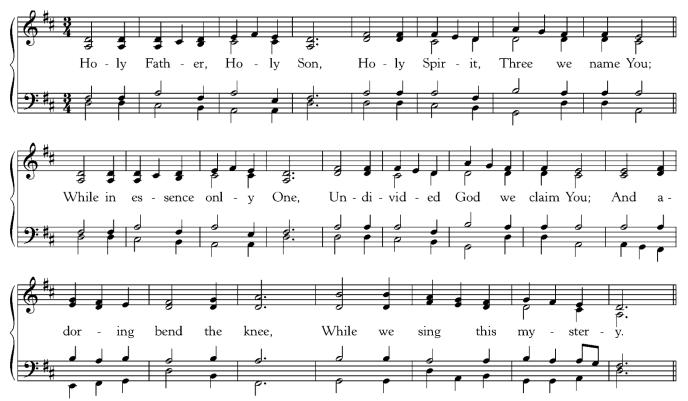
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,

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—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

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.

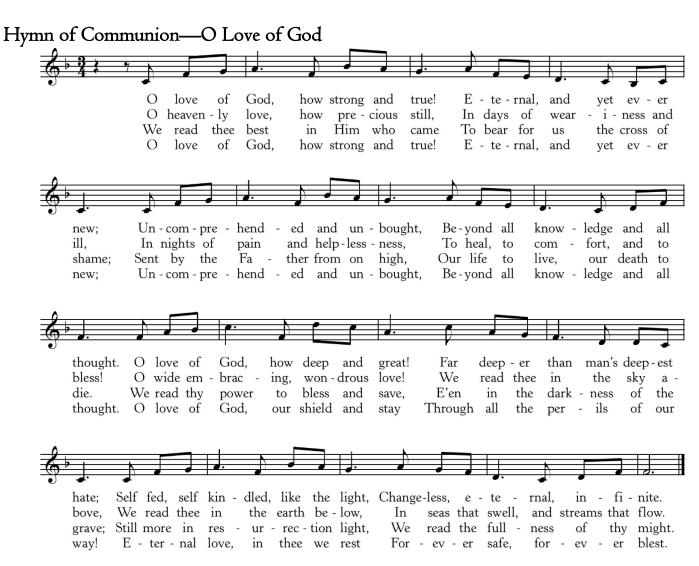
If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

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 13: How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord?



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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—Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



Text: John Newton, 1774; Music: ALL SAINTS OLD

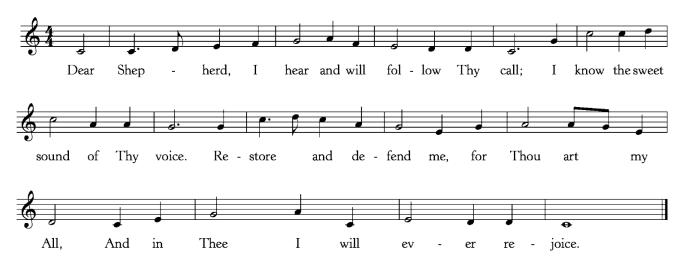
#### GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## Sung Response—O Thou in Whose Presence, Vs II



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

Missions Prayer Focus—Rebecca Giles (daughter of our Tony and Marylynn Giles) was living in St. Andrews, Scotland helping facilitate theological education at the Chalmers Institute, a non-profit, parachurch learning community. She was also helping disciple teen girls and the youth group and mentor university students at the University of St. Andrews and coordinated ministry for missionary kids in Europe. She has recently moved back to the US to begin her new work for Serge where she will be a Member Care Associate Team Leader.

- I. Praise the Lord for a time of connection and renewal at Serge's Leadership Conference (May 22-27) and Company Conference in Spain (May 28-June 4). During the Company Conference, 700 people (fielded workers + children + volunteers) gathered. We listened to all of our teams share challenges and blessings in ministry and spent a couple of hours every day to lay hands and pray for our workers. I was able to meet a number of the missionaries in person who I will meet with regularly online for member care. The worship together was indescribable.
- 2. After Serge's Conference, I was blessed with the gift to return with my parents to St Andrews, Scotland to introduce them to my former place of service with MTW. Praise the Lord for the continued flourishing of the Chalmers Institute in both St Andrews and in the new location near Highland Theological College further north. Praise the Lord for the two baptisms celebrated at Cornerstone Church during the week of this visit.
- 3. July II-15, I will travel to Philadelphia to be part of a team interviewing new missionary candidates for our quarterly Assessment and Orientation Week. We have seven units who are hoping to be sent to various parts of the world. Please pray for discernment for the decision-making teams.
- 4. I have begun growing my "care list" of missionaries around the world. They live in Japan, Ireland, Burundi, Uganda, Thailand, London, N. Africa (secure teams) and beyond. I am also going to be a Member Care Associate for our first couple who are pioneering Serge work in Scotland! Pray that I would be able to serve them well.

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

#### The Cornerstone School of Discipleship

Sundays, 9:45 - 10: 35 a.m.

Core Class: (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Truths We Confess: An Introduction to Major Creeds, Confessions, and Catechisms

In this six-week course, you'll gain a basic introduction to the key statements of faith throughout history. Rooted in history and an eye to application, this class will help you appreciate the critical role confessions, creeds, and catechisms play in bringing identity, clarity, and unity to the church.

Elective Class: (The Chapel) Mighty in Word and Deed

Word and deed ministries are equally necessary, interdependent, and inseparable. Join us for this sixweek series as we consider what it looks like here and now when we walk in his ways.

## Women's Bible Study

There will not be Bible study on Tuesday, June 28. We will resume on July 5 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Livestream Team

The Livestream Ministry exists to bring the Worship Ministry of Cornerstone beyond the walls of our church. We are looking for two more folks to serve on this team. The only requirements are a teachable spirit and a servant's heart. For more information or questions, contact Jay Palm. jlpalm2@att.net

## Young Adults Picnic

Young adults are invited to gather today for fellowship after second service (around I:00 p.m.) at Arrington Vineyards. Bring your lunch, chairs and/or a blanket. Questions? youngadults@cstonepres.org

#### Hospitality Ministry

Dan Fiedler, our Hospitality Coordinator, will be speaking today in the elective class (The Chapel) about the Hospitality Ministry and why it is an important piece of who we are. Then there will be a Hospitality Ministry interest potluck dinner on July 17 on the third floor to fellowship and learn about ways to serve on the Hospitality Team. We'd love for you to join us! Sign-up for dinner through the website and app.

#### 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. Please reserve the evenings of July 7, 14, 21, and 28 on your summer calendar, and let us know you're coming by registering through the app or website.

#### Reformed Youth Ministries

Many of our senior high students are headed to RYM camp in Panama City, Florida in mid-July. You have the opportunity to help them get there! You can donate online, by scanning the QR code, or look for students outside over the next several weeks. Ask them about their upcoming trip!



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