



CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Finding Our Way to God
A Study in the Psalms

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
Ordinary Time—The Sundays of Pentecost
28 June 2020

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

It was encouraging to see that a good number of you tuned in to the livestream conversations on Thursday evening June 11th and 18th. Given the current unrest, your pastoral staff believed it important to take time to reflect in an intentional way on this cultural moment in light of the Scripture's clear teaching on the Holy Spirit and the mission of the church. We strongly believe that by taking off the spectacles of media and politics and putting on the spectacles of the Word we're better prepared to (1) rightly interpret what's going on around us and (2) bear witness to the power of the gospel with winsomeness and wisdom. We sincerely hope these conversations helped in that regard.

If you missed one or both conversations, please take time in the next week or two to get caught up. You can find the conversations on the video archive page on our website (under the 'Media' tab) or on our YouTube channel. As always, we love hearing from you. Tell us what you learned. Tell us what questions you still have. We'd love to keep the conversation going.

Also, I'd like to remind you to pray for our officer candidates as they enter the homestretch of officer training. They've just finished a detailed study of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Book of Church Order and will enter this week into the final phase of training. This last step in the process will focus on the specific roles and duties of elders and deacons. Lord willing, if all goes according to plan, the Session will exam the candidates in August and will shortly thereafter present to you, the congregation, a slate of recommended new officers for election by mid-August. In the meantime, please remember these brothers in prayer: Will Kesler, Brent Roberts, John Millard, Ron Moffat, Casey Taggart, Matt Faulk, Wes Pittman, Carl Ware, Matt Suits, and Dan Fiedler.

Finally, two weeks ago the Finance Committee gave a financial update and a 2020/2021 budget summary report. If you missed that report, please visit our website, cornerstonepresfranklin.org, and scroll to the bottom of the homepage to read the June 14th edition of the Pastoral Notes. Though we've seen a 20% dip in giving over the last nine weeks, we remain hopeful that as the economy comes back online we'll begin to see our giving rebound. We are deeply grateful to God for continuing to maintain our needs through your faithful giving during this difficult season, and we look forward to seeing how He will continue to faithfully take care of us in the days ahead as He promises in Philippians 4:19: *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Your servant,

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

Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call.

Make known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all.

Sing praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim.

Re - jice, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.

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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 29:I-4, 10-II

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

All: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Pastor: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Hymn of Praise—Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth, shel - ters thee
 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee! Sure - ly his
 Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee, decked thee with
 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath

praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,
 un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen
 good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new
 health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief
 life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! let the A - men

now to his tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 how thy de - sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 what the Al - might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 hath not he brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Text: Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680, Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665, Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668.

Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength,
 whose heart turns away from the Lord.

⁶He is like a shrub in the desert,
 and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
 in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
 whose trust is the Lord.

⁸He is like a tree planted by water,

that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

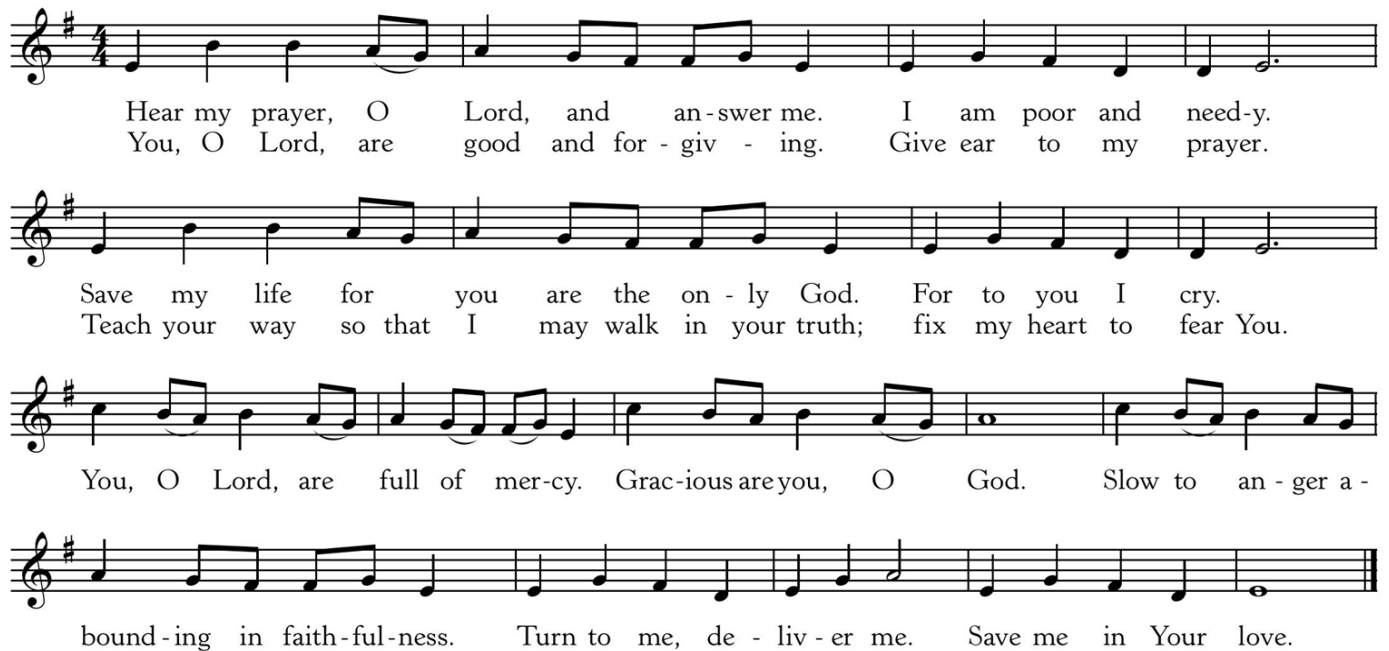
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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)



Hear my prayer, O Lord, and an-swer me. I am poor and need-y.
You, O Lord, are good and for - giv - ing. Give ear to my prayer.

Save my life for you are the on - ly God. For to you I cry.
Teach your way so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear You.

You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy. Grac-ious are you, O God. Slow to an - ger a -
bound - ing in faith - ful - ness. Turn to me, de - liv - er me. Save me in Your love.

Text & Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013. Used by permission.

Congregational Prayer for Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 37:3-5, 7-8, 39-40

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You call us to trust in You and do good,

All: We have not delighted ourselves in You, Lord, and our hearts have not desired You.

Pastor: We have failed to commit our ways to You, nor have we trusted in You.

All: We are not still before You. We have not waited patiently for You, O Lord.

Pastor: Lord, teach us to refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

All: Turn our hearts from that which tends to evil.

Pastor: For the salvation of the righteous is from You, Lord,
You are our stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Deliver us, O Lord. May we always take refuge in You.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 13:1, 5-6

How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever? How long will you hide your face from us? But we have trusted in your steadfast love; our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation. We will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with us.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 31: In You, O Lord I Put My Trust

In You, O Lord, I put my trust, I
Bow down Your ear to my re-quest, And
Since You my Rock and For-tress art, My
To You my spir-it I com-mend; Re-
But, Lord, in You is all my trust, You

call up-on Your Name; O save me in Your
swift de-liv-erance send; Be-un-to-me a
Lead-er be, and Guide; From all temp-ta-tion
demp-tion is with Thee, O Thou Je-hov-ah,
are my God, I cried; My life, my times are

right-eous-ness, Nor let me suf-fer shame.
rock of strength, A for-tress to de-fend.
res-cue me, And hold me to Your side.
God of truth, Who has de-liv-ered me.
in Your hand, I in Your strength a-bide.

Text: Psalm 31, Paraphrase; Music: Kentucky Harmony.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!

⁵You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!

I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

⁶In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering

you have not required.
⁷Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
⁸I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”
⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.
¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
¹¹As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
¹²For evils have encompassed me beyond number;
my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head;
my heart fails me.
¹³Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me!
O Lord, make haste to help me!
¹⁴Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether
who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!
¹⁵Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, “Aha, Aha!”
¹⁶But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”
¹⁷As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

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 4
Between a Rock and a Hard Place

—Ben Griffith, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

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.

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

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*, 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

When trou - bles come and hopes de - part in mer - cy, Lord, a -
 Though dark - ness seems to hide your face a - mid earth's sin and
 In ho - li - ness your word goes forth from that e - ter - nal

rise; the ru - ined land - scape of my heart lies bare be - fore your
 pain, break through the clouds, O God of grace, re - store my soul a -
 throne: to east and west, to south and north, your glo - ry rules a -

eyes. Where hu - man pride is hum - bled low and crushed be - neath your
 gain. The ban - ner of your love un - furled pro - claims a shel - tering
 lone. Frail hu - man strength is noth - ing worth be - set by e - vil

hand, your sol - ace, Lord, a - gain be - stow and heal this bro - ken land.
 arm; no foes in all this fall - en world can bring your peo - ple harm.
 powers, yet with the God of all the earth the vic - to - ry is ours!

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Psalm of Praise—Psalm 40: I Waited Patient



I wait - ed pa - tient for the Lord, He bowed to hear my cry;
 Firm on a rock He made me stand, And taught my cheer - ful tongue
 How man - y are Thy thoughts of love! Thy mer - cies, Lord, how great!

He saw me rest - ing on His Word, And brought sal - va - tion nigh.
 To praise the won - ders of His hand, In a new thank - ful song.
 We have not words nor hours e - nough Their num - bers to re - peat.

He raised me from a hor - rid pit, Where mourn - ing long I lay,
 I'll spread His works of grace a - broad; The saints with joy shall hear,
 When I'm af - flict - ed, poor, and low, And light and peace de - part,

And from my bonds re - leased my feet, Deep bonds of mir - y clay.
 And sin - ners learn to make my God Their on - ly hope and fear.
 My God be - holds my hea - vy woe, And bears me on His heart.

Text: Based on Psalm 40; Music: Based on a Traditional Irish Melody, Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

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.

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—O Put Your Trust In God

O put your trust in God, in du - ty's path go on;
Though years on years roll on, His cov' - nant shall en - dure;
Through waves, and clouds, and storms, His power will clear your way;

Walk in His strength with faith and hope, so shall your work be done.
Though clouds and dark - ness hide His path, The prom - ised grace is sure.
Wait on His time, the dark - est night shall end in bright - est day.

Com - mit your ways to Him, your works in - to His hands,
Give to the winds your fears; hope, and be un - dis - mayed;
Leave to His sover - eign sway to choose and to com - mand;

And rest on His un - chang - ing Word, who Heav'n and Earth com - mands.
God hears your sighs and counts your tears; God shall lift up your head.
So shall you, wond' - ring, own His way, how wise, how strong His hand.

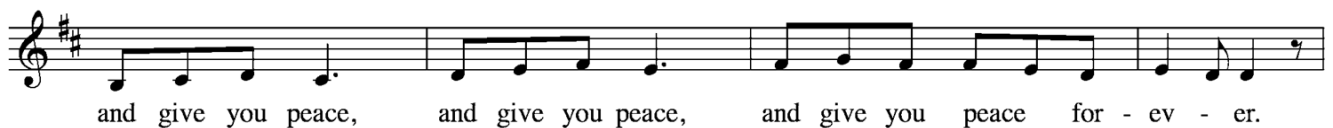
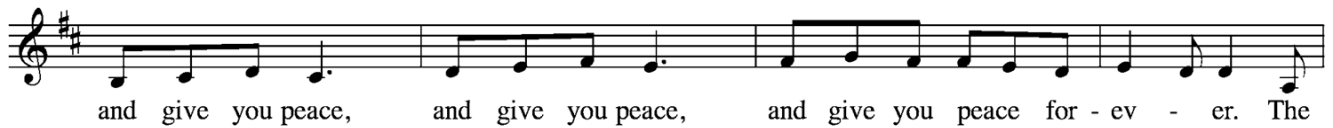
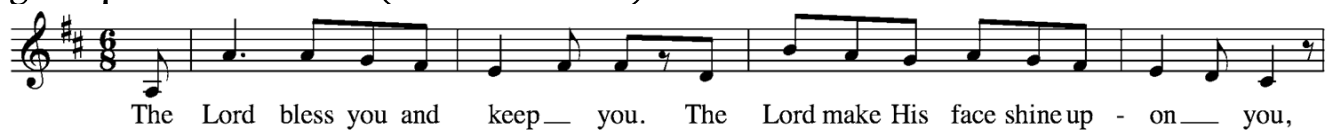
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—from I Thessalonians 3:11-13

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way and may the Lord make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all so that he may establish our hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)



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<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. Register: susan@cstonepres.org

Youth Group—Summer Series

We are studying Tim Keller's book and video series *The Prodigal God*. This short book and accompanying videos are a beautiful portrayal of God's grace to both the irreligious and moralistic through the lens of the parable of the prodigal son. Rising 7th – 12th graders, Wednesday evenings, 6 – 8pm at the Allen's. Supper is provided. Bring a towel if you plan to swim. Contact Taylor or Eva: youth@cstonepres.org

Men's Ministry—Bible Study

Set aside Thursday mornings for our Bible Study series, *Coffee with Calvin (& Friends)*—*True Prayer, True Power*. We are studying Charles Spurgeon's sermons on prayer. The next meeting will be July 9 at the Franklin Mercantile, and we will continue meeting 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. Contact Ron Moffat: men@cstonepres.org

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 students or finding out more, contact Tammy McCoy: office@newcollegefranklin.org

Women's Ministry—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 at women@cstonepres.org to find out how to sign up for the Zoom call and access the videos and accompanying Bible study questions.

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 at greg.wilbur@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

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

Giving

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

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