

CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal Ordinary Time—Sundays of Pentecost

03 September 2017

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

Sunday School Schedule

Nursery (basement)

PreK: Room 104 (basement)

Joe and Joy Marlo; Assistant: Kristin Lee

K/Ist Grade: Room 103 (basement)

Teacher: Amy Pent; Assistant: Mark Elliott

2nd/3rd Grade: Room IOI (basement)

Teacher: Bob Wolk; Assistant: Anneke Seely **4**th/**5**th **Grade:** Comenius Room (third floor)

Teacher: Ronda Laventure; Assistant: Julia Grounds

6th Grade: Schaeffer Room (third floor)

Teacher: Charlotte Robinson; Assistant: Mary Lynn Giles

Youth $(7^{th}-9^{th} \text{ and } 10^{th}-12^{th})$ at Merridees

Adult

The Chapel Class: The Gospel-Centered Community (Chapel)

Koinonia Class: The Westminster Confession of Faith (Kuyper Room 3rd Floor)

Exploring Cornerstone (Room 204)

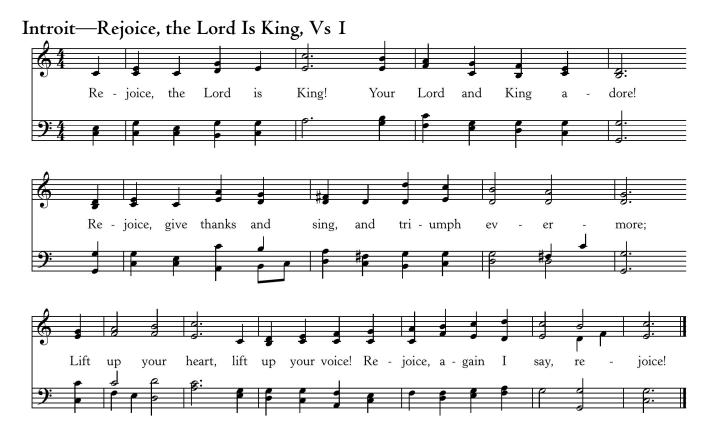
Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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



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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 33:1, 4-5, 8-9, 18-22

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Pastor: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

All: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Pastor: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

All: that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

All: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Pastor: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Hymn of Praise—Come, Thou Almighty King



Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: TRINITY, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

Hymn of Praise—O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839.

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

New Testament Reading—2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14 To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

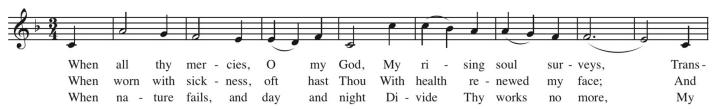
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

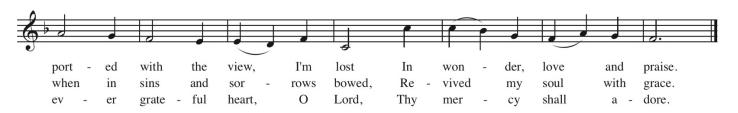
All: Thanks be to God.

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—When All Thy Mercies





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Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on Hosea 10:I-6, II-I3

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We are like a luxuriant vine that yields its fruit. But the more our fruit increases, the more we tend to build for ourselves and the more we rely on our own works.

All: Our heart is false and we must bear our guilt. Break down our altars, our excesses, and anything on which we rely other than You.

Pastor: We do not rightly fear the Lord or any other authority.

We utter mere words and make empty oaths.

But judgment springs up like poisonous weed in the furrows of a field.

All: We mourn after our departed idols—our glory and identity that has been carried away.

Pastor: We have plowed iniquity; we have reaped injustice, we have eaten the fruit of lies.

All: We have trusted in our own ways and in our own strength.

Pastor: Discipline us in Your love; spare us and yoke us that we may plow and harrow. May we sow righteousness and reap steadfast love.

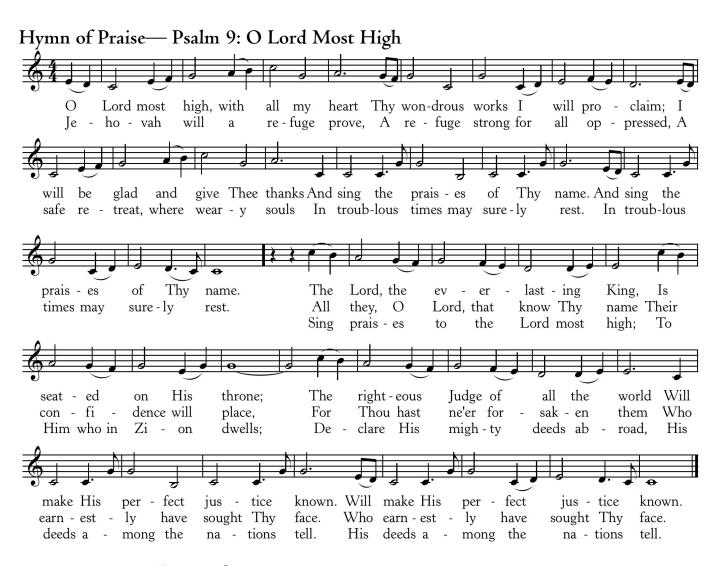
All: Break up the fallow ground of our hearts, for it is time to seek You that You may come and rain righteousness upon us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

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



CCLI #11121087 ©2012 Text: Psalm 9, The Psalter, 1912; Music: GREYFRIARS PRESS, 2012.

The Reading of the Word—Acts 17:16-34

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

"In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your own poets have said,

"'For we are indeed his offspring.'

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

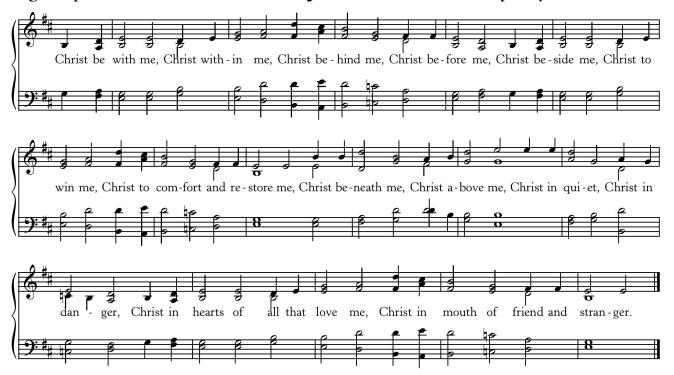
Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Empowered to Engage

-Lee Leadbetter, RUFi at University of Tennessee

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



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.

^{* &}quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

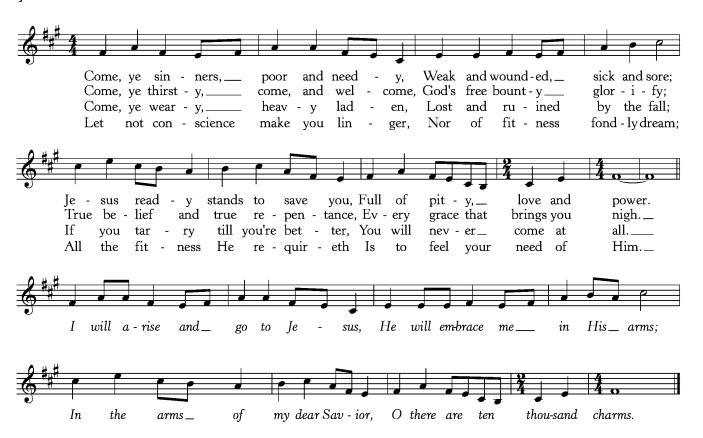
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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—Come, Ye Sinners



Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Music: Southern Harmony, 1835.

Hymn of Communion—Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat



Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: APPROACH MY SOUL, Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

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—My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness



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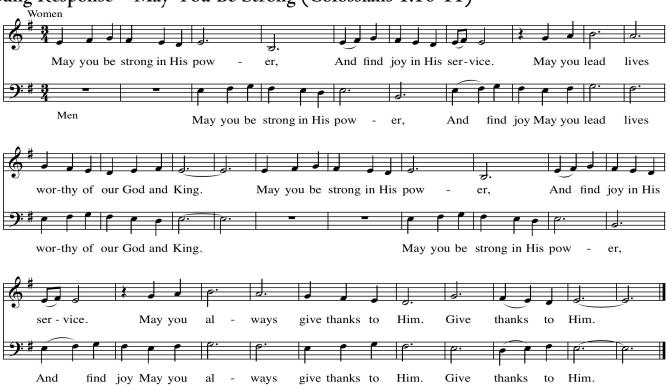
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—I Thessalonians 5:23-24

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. *Amen.*





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Prayer Focus—Crossroads Prison Ministries (CPM), formerly Crossroad Bible Institute, was founded thirty years ago as a way to disciple prisoners who had made a decision to follow Christ. The ministry's foundation is to form mentoring relationships between people in prison and volunteers from churches throughout the world. These relationships are formed through the use of Bible studies that are completed by the prisoner and mailed to the mentor, who reviews the lessons and responds back to the prisoner through encouraging letters. Currently CPM operates in 19 different countries and reaches 30,000 prisoners each year with a library of twelve Bible study courses. Eight Cornerstone members are involved in CPM.

- Pray for more mentors from Cornerstone.
- Pray for acceptance by local churches of CPM students once they are released from prison.
- Pray for resources for CPM to assist students in locating a loving and caring local church.



Reformation 500

CStone Wednesday Nights—Fall 2017

Catered Dinner at 5:30PM Teaching and Vespers at 6:15PM

With the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation just around the corner, we will use our teaching time on Wednesday nights to tell the story of the Reformation and its key figures. In addition, we will talk about the on-going significance of the Reformation in the doctrines and practices that flowed from a Wittenberg door in 1517 down through the centuries to our own chapel doors in 2017.

The Reformation Story

Sept 13—The Mallet Swing Heard 'Round the World: Martin Luther & The German Reformation

Sept 20—No Holes in this Cheese: John Calvin & The Swiss Reformation

Sept 27—Bagpipes & Bravehearts: John Knox & The Scottish Reformation

Oct 4—Not-So-Radical Radicals: The Anabaptists & The Reformation

Oct II—The Church & Crown: The Anglicans & The British Reformation

Oct 18—Holier & Happier Than Thou: The Puritans & The British Reformation

Why the Reformation Still Matters

Oct 25—Scripture: How God Speaks To Us?

Nov I—Gospel: How Can We Be Saved?

Nov 8—Church: What Makes A True Church?

Nov I5—Daily Life: What Difference Does God Make?

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