

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
18 September 2016

Wednesday Nights at Cornerstone September 14 – November 16

There's something for everyone as we gather as a church family for fellowship, relationship, Scripture, prayer, and song. This mid-week gathering is a great opportunity to support the week with spiritual disciplines and get to know other folks in the church.

5:30-6:00 Dinner*

6:15-7:15 Youth meetings (7th-12th grades)—Meets Upstairs

6:15-7:00 Children's Choirs (PreK-6th Grade)**—Meets Downstairs

6:15-7:00 Vespers service and Prayer—Meets in the Chapel

7:15-8:30 Advent Choir Rehearsal

*The Vespers Service will include a time of teaching and corporate prayer.
Our topic will be The Armor of God.*

*Reservation needed by Monday at Noon; \$5/person & \$20/family cap

**Please register your child for choir so we have appropriate assistants & supplies.



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

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—Psalm 100: All Earth With Joy

All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voices ring -
 En - ter His gates with thank - giv - ing, to His courts come prais -
 ing. With glad - ness serve the LORD; come to Him joy - ful - ly
 ing. To Him be thank - ful, and bless His name, your voices
 sing - ing. The LORD is God, Know that He made us His
 rais - ing. The LORD is good; His lov - ing - kind - ness en -
 own. We are the sheep of His pas - ture.
 dures, His faith - ful - ness lasts for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 100; Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665, Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668

Call to Worship—Psalm 43:3-5

Pastor: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

All: let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

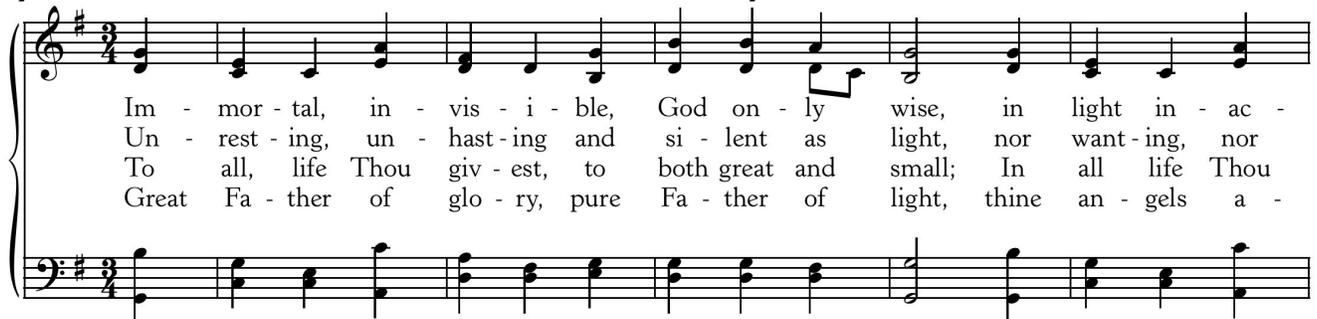
Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

All: and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

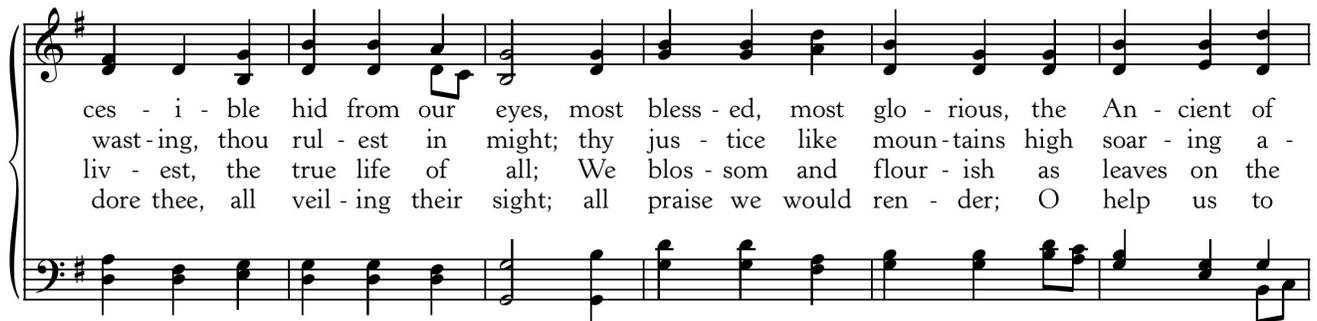
Pastor: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

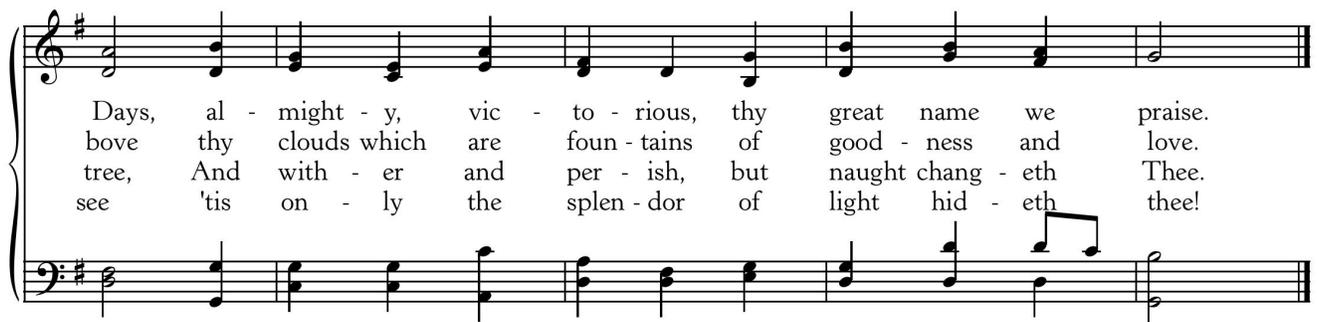
Hymn of Praise—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou
Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -



ces - i - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a -
liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the
dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would ren - der; O help us to



Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
bove thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
tree, And with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.
see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Music: ST. DENIO, Traditional Welsh Melody.

Hymn of Praise—Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re - deem - er and
 Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -
 Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, Faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your

Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could Res - cue the
 brace; You of - fer hope when our hearts have Hope - less - ly
 own; Here in our weak - ness You find us Fall - ing be -

souls of men? Oh, You res - cue the souls of men.
 lost the way; Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
 fore Your throne; Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we a -

dore, You give the heal - ing and grace Our hearts al - ways hun - ger

for; Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 2:2-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it, 3

and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations,

and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of 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 Response—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.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 103:8-14, 17-18

Pastor: O Lord, we come to you confessing.
You are merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
You will not always chide, nor will You keep Your anger forever.

**All: Do not repay us according to our sins,
nor repay according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is Your steadfast love to those who fear You.

**All: Remove our transgressions from us
as far as the east is from the west.**

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,
O Lord, show Your compassion to those who fear You.

**All: For You know our frame,
You remember that we are dust.**

Pastor: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

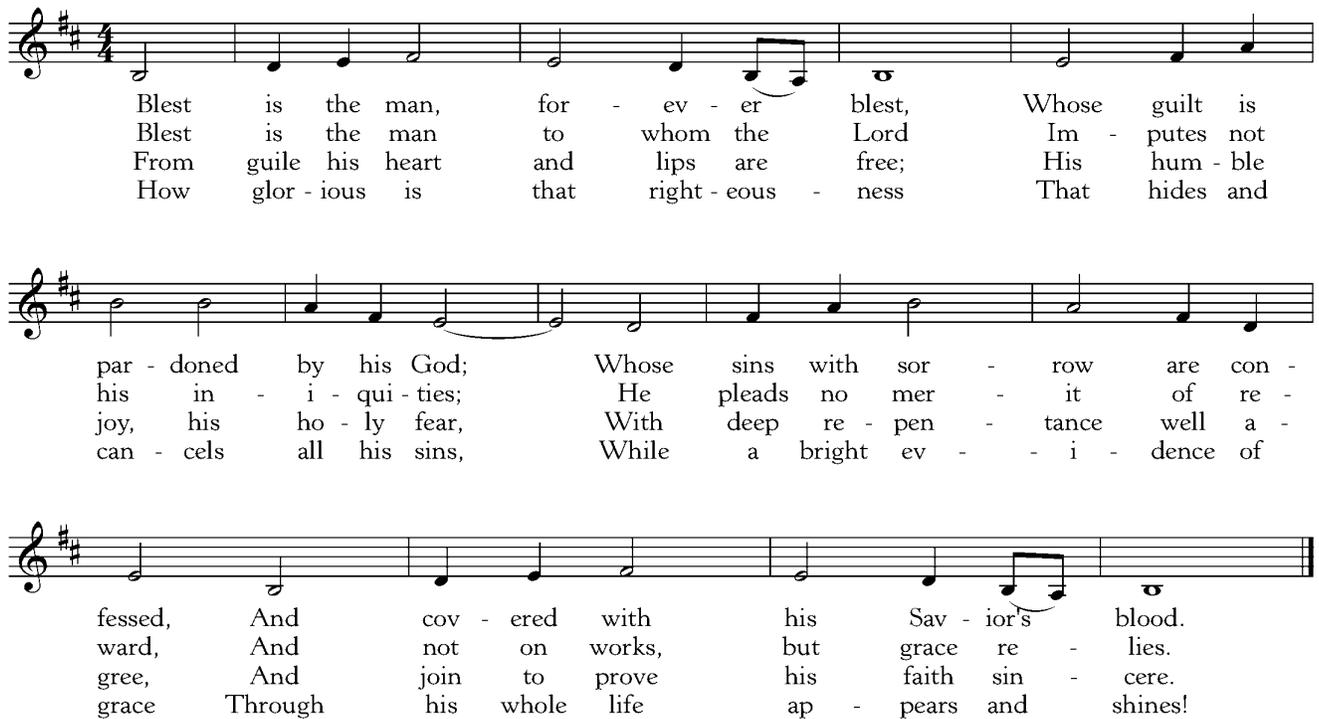
Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Colossians 1:11-14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 32: Blest is The Man, Forever Blest



Blest is the man, for - ev - er blest, Whose guilt is
Blest is the man to whom the Lord Im - putes not
From guile his heart and lips are free; His hum - ble
How glor - ious is that right - eous - ness That hides and
par - doned by his God; Whose sins with sor - row are con -
his in - i - qui - ties; He pleads no mer - it of re -
joy, his ho - ly fear, With deep re - pen - tance well a -
can - cels all his sins, While a bright ev - - i - dence of
fessed, And cov - ered with his Sav - ior's blood.
ward, And not on works, but grace re - lies.
gree, And join to prove his faith sin - cere.
grace Through his whole life ap - pears and shines!

Text: Psalm 32, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DISTRESS, William Walker, 1854; Arr. Gregory Wilbur, 2008.
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GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—I John 1:5-2:2

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—That You May Know—A Study of I John, Pt 2
Walk in the Light

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs I

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the lyrics: 'Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.'

Text: Joseph P. Holbrook, ca. 1878; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567.

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

Reception of New Members

First Service:

Scott Kelley
Haley Laverty

Second Service:

Kyle and Sarah Banks
Jim Bob, Amy, Liam, Faith and Charlotte Howard
John and Melissa McEachin

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—Psalm 79: Remember Not, O God



Re---mem---ber not, O God,	The sins of long a---go;	Re---
O Lord, our Sav---ior, help,	And glo-----ri-----fy Your Name;	O
In Your com--pass---ion hear	The pri--soner's plain---tive sigh,	In
Then, safe with---in Thy fold,	We will ex-----alt Your Name;	Then,



mem---ber not, O God,	The sins of long a---go;	In
Lord, our Sav-----ior, help,	And glo-----ri-----fy Your Name;	De---
Your com---pass---ion hear	The pri-----soner's plain---tive sigh,	And
safe with---in Thy fold,	We will ex-----alt Your Name;	Our



ten-----der	mer-----cy	vis-----it us,	Dis---tressed and hum--bled low.
liv-----er	us from	all our sins,	And take a---way our shame.
in the	great---ness	of Your power	Save those a---bout to die.
thank---ful	hearts with	songs of joy	Your good---ness will pro--claim.

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Hymn of Praise—Jesus, I Come



1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus I come; Je - sus, I come —
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come. —
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come. —
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come. —



In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light Je - sus, I come to — Thee, —
 In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to — Thee. —
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to — Thee. —
 In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to — Thee. —



Out of my sick - ness — in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
 Out of earth's sor - rows — in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms — and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of my - self — to dwell in Thy love, Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin — and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to — Thee —
 Out of dis - tress in - to — jub - i - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to — Thee. —
 Up - ward for - ev - er on — on wings like dove, Je - sus, I come to — Thee. —
 Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to — Thee. —

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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.

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—Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Je - sus, thou Joy of Lov - ing hearts, Thou Fount of
Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est
We taste thee, O thou liv - ing Bread, And long to
Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, Where - 'er our
O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; Make all our

life, thou Light of men, From the best bliss
those that on thee call; To them that seek
feast up - on thee still; We drink of thee,
change - ful lot is cast; Glad, when thy grac -
mo - ments calm and bright; Chase the dark night

that earth im - parts We turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
the Foun - tain - head, And thirst our souls from thee to fill.
ious smile we see, Blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.
of sin a - way, Shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light

Text: St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, Tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-87; Music: Folk Melody

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—II John 1:3

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

Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians 1:10-11)

Women
May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives

Men
May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy May you lead lives

wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His

wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er,

ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

God built within His people an innate desire to celebrate, to mark seasons and events, to set up “stones of remembrance” so that we do not forget His goodness and promises. One method that the Church has used over time is dividing each year according to the events in the life of Christ—a reminder of redemptive history. Although the Church Calendar is not prescribed by Scripture, it can be a useful framework or tool to help walk our hearts through the Gospel every year.

The major divisions of the liturgical year are:

- **Advent**—The four Sundays leading to Christmas; preparation for the coming of Christ and the need for a Savior
- **Christmas & Twelve Days**—Celebration of the Incarnation & the Gift of Christ, our Redeemer
- **Epiphany**—January 6; Coming of the Magi for Christ is the Light of the World; Hope for the Gentiles; Kingship of Christ
- **Lent**—from Ash Wednesday to Easter; repentance and reflection; recognition that our sinfulness leads to the cross; intentional time to exercise the disciplines of grace
- **Holy Week**—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday; Jesus as King, Priest, Prophet; The remembrance that the shedding of blood was necessary for the forgiveness of sins
- **Easter**—Resurrection of the Living Lord; the conquering of death and sin
- **Ascension**—Christ in Power at the right hand of the Father; Christ interceding as the Mediator
- **Pentecost**—Coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church; God sends out His people as the Church
- **Ordinary Time**—The weeks between Pentecost and Advent; Living in light of the Gospel as the Church

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First and Third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Cornerstone.

Today is the second message in our thirteen-week sermon series entitled, “That You May Know: A Study of I John.” The message for today is called, “The Way is Made by Walking” (I John 1:5-2:2). Please take time to read and discuss the questions below with your Home Fellowship Group or family.

- Review: What is John’s purpose for writing this letter (see I John 5:13)? How does today’s section (I John 1:5-2:2) fit in John’s overall purpose?
- How does the statement, “...that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all” (v.5) set the stage for this whole section?
- John says that we can “say” (v.6, 8, 10) all we want to say, but if doesn’t match up with our walk (v.6, 7), we are either lying or deceived (v.6, 8). Take a look at your “talk life” and your “walk life.” Do they match? What gaps do you see? Be as honest and specific as you can.
- Drawing on verse 3, John mentions the word “fellowship” twice in this section (v.6, 7) and pairs it with “walking in the light.” How is your present fellowship with God and one another being affected by how you live?
- In the sermon, Pastor Nate said, “One of the ways you know you’re growing in grace is you’re more aware and grieved by your sin and more astonished and committed to follow Jesus Christ.” Are you experiencing this in your life?
- How does John’s reference to Jesus Christ as “advocate” and “propitiation” increase your hatred for sin and love for the gospel (see I John 2:1-2)?

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