



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Ordinary Time—Sundays of Pentecost

24 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 I04 (basement)

Joe and Joy Marlo; Assistant: Kristin Lee

K/Ist Grade: Room I03 (basement)

Teacher: Amy Pent; Assistant: Mark Elliott

2nd/3rd Grade: Room I0I (basement)

Teacher: Bob Wolk; Assistant: Anneke Seely

4th/5th 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 (7th-9th and 10th-12th) 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

Introit—Rejoice, the Lord Is King, Vs I

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!

Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 40:I-5

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

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

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

All: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

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

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

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

Hymn of Praise—How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your
When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -
The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I will not, I

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to you he has
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your trou - bles to
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de -
will not de - sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vour to

said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
shake, I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake.

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

Hymn of Praise—Jesus, What A Friend For Sinners

Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er of my soul;
 Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in Him.
 Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o - ver me roll,
 Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the temp - est still is high,
 Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, More than all in Him I find.

Friends may fail me, foes ass - ail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 Temp - ted, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my Strength, my vic - to - ry wins.
 E - ven when my heart is break - ing, He, my Com - fort, helps my soul.
 Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, He, my Sav - ior, hears my cry.
 He has grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He is mine.

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

Text: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; Music: HYFRYDOL, R.H. Prichard, 1831.

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

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 42:5-9

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;
 I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

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—Lord Jesus, Think on Me, Vs I & 2

Lord Je - sus, think on me, And purge a - way my sin; From
Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - prest; Let
earth - born pas - sions set me free, And make me pure with - in.
me thy lov - ing serv - ant be, And taste thy prom - ised rest.

CCLI #11121087 © Greyfriars Press, 1997 Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 375-430, Tr by Allen William Charfield, 1808-96;
Music: Southwell, Damon's *Psalmes*, 1579, Adapted by GDW, 1997.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 40:I-2, 4, 6, 8-10

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. You have heard our cries
and drew us up from the pit of destruction.

All: From the miry clay You have set our feet upon a rock making our steps secure.

Leader: You tell us that we will be blessed in making You our trust.

All: But too often we turn to the proud and go astray after a lie.

Leader: You do not delight in sacrifice and offering,

All: Because we trust in doing the forms of obedience but our hearts are far from You.

Leader: Though Your law is within our hearts,

All: We do not take delight in doing Your will, O God.

Leader: May we tell of the glad news of our deliverance with unrestrained lips.

All: May we not hide Your deliverance within our hearts, but boldly follow You.

Leader: For we will speak of Your faithfulness and Your salvation.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Galatians 5:I

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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

Hymn of Praise—Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Acts 17:22-34

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—Portraits of Discipleship, Part 6

Sharing the Gospel in a Compelling & Subversive Way

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

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

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That

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

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.

Communion Hymn—Psalm 42: As Pants the Deer



As pants the deer for streams of liv - ing wa - ter,
O Lord my God, ov'r - whelmed in deep af - flict - ion,
Thou wilt com - mand Thy ser - vant's con - so - la - tion,
Why, O my soul, art thou cast down with - in me,



So longs my soul, O liv - ing God, for Thee;
Far from Thy rest, to Thee I lift my soul;
Thy lov - ing - kind - ness yet shall cheer my day,
Why art thou trou - bled and op - pressed with grief?



I thirst for Thee, for Thee my heart is yearn - ing;
Deep calls to deep and storms of trou - ble thun - der,
And in the night Thy song shall be my com - fort;
Hope thou in God, the God of thy sal - va - tion,



When shall I come Thy grac - ious face to see?
While over my head the waves and bil - lows roll.
God of my life, to Thee I still will pray.
Hope, and thy God will sure - ly send re - lief.

Text: Anonymous, Psalm 42; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013. Used by Permission

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.

Hymn of Praise—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay
 I heard the voice of Jes - us say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the
 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look
 down, thou wear - y one, lay down thy head up - on my breast." I
 liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live." I
 un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I
 came to Je - sus as I was, so wear - y, worn, and sad; I
 came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and
 found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav' - ling days are done.

Text: Horatio Bonar, 1846; Music: KINGSFOLD, English Folk Song.

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—For the Cause

For the cause of Christ the King We give our lives, an of - fer-ing 'Til all the
 For the King once lift - ed high To cries of rage, of 'cru - ci - fy!' En - dured the
 Let it be my life's re - frain: To live is Christ, to die is gain; De - ny my -

earth re - sounds With cease - less praise To the Son For the
 cross As eve - ry sin was laid On the Son To the
 self, take up my cross And fol - low the Son Let it

cause of Christ we go With joy to reap, with faith to sow As ma - ny
 King who con - quered death To free the poor and the op - pressed For last - ing
 be my life's re - frain: To live is Christ, to die is gain; De - ny my -

see And ma - ny put their trust in the Son
 peace For life and li - ber - ty In the Son
 self, take up my cross And fol - low the Son

Christ we pro - claim, The Name a - bove eve - ry name: For all cre -

a - tion, Ev - 'ry na - tion, God's sal - va - tion Through the Son!

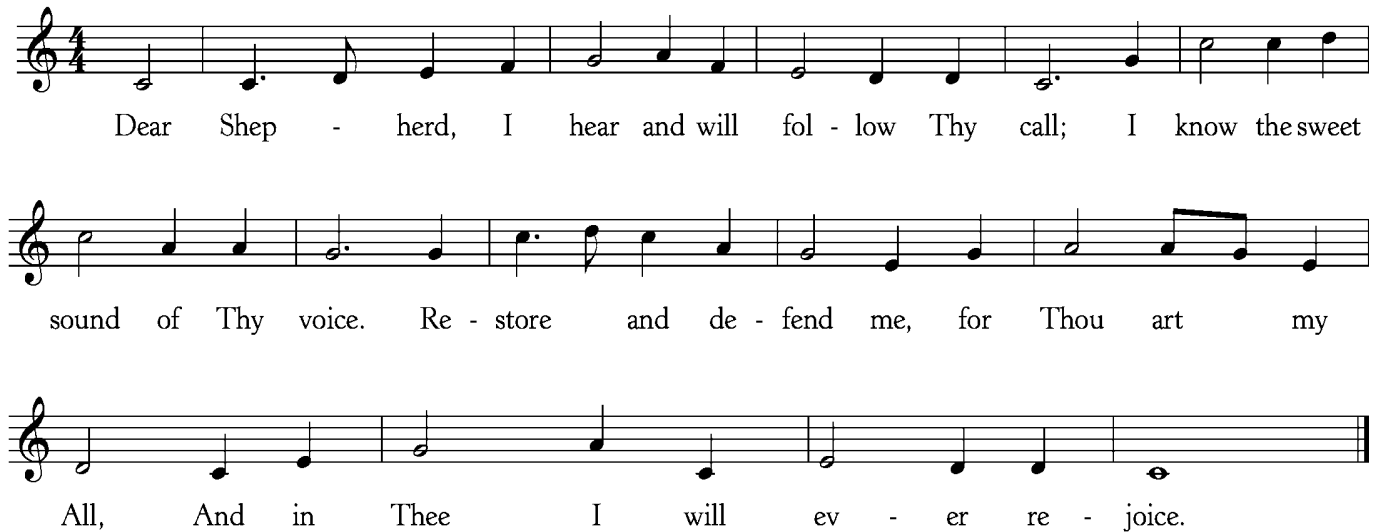
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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 Revelation 1:5-6

Unto Christ who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II



Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

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

Prayer Focus— Harvest Prison Ministry

Harvest Prison Ministry (HPM) was founded in 2002 as an outreach of Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, Mt. Juliet, TN for the sole purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the men behind the walls, for “the equipping of the saints to do the work of the ministry.” Its vision is to see more men reconciled to God and their families, and to aid them both prayerfully and financially to re-enter society enabled by the grace of God to live godly and productive lives.

- Prayer for fruit for a new ministry in the Highside section (where death row prisoners are housed) at the Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville, TN. Richard Jennings of HPM will be presenting the Gospel to these prisoners.
- Praise for the re-start of a Bible study at the Trousdale Turner Correctional Center in Hartsville, TN. The prison had been in lockdown for the last month and a half and Rick Allen from HPM had not been able to enter the center. The center just recently ended the lockdown.



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.

RSVP on-line at www.cornerstonepresfranklin.org by Monday at Noon

Today's message is entitled, "Sharing the Gospel in a Compelling and Subversive Way" from Acts 17:22-34. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- As you work your way back through Acts 17 with the sermon in mind, consider how Paul both connects to and upends the Greek worldview in his presentation of the gospel. Take a moment to name the different ways Paul does that and discuss his approach.
- Why is it important (i.e. "compelling") that we both connect to and upend culture's ideas when sharing the gospel?
- When we talk about sharing the gospel in a "subversive way," what do we mean? Explore ways for how we might share the gospel in helpfully subversive ways in our day.
- Take a moment to ponder and rehearse the gospel together. Ask each other, "Why do you find the gospel compelling?" Further, ask each other, "In what way(s) do you experience the gospel as subversive in your own life?"
- What is your biggest takeaway from our series on Acts 17? Share with those around you how you plan to put what you've learned into practice. Close this time by praying together for opportunities to share the gospel.

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