

CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal All Saints' Day Sunday 04 November 2018

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—Glory Be to the Father, Vs I



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1868; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011. ©2011 Greyfriars Press

Call to Worship—from Psalm II6:12-19

Pastor: What shall we render to the LORD for all his benefits to us?

All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

Pastor: We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

All: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Pastor: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

You have loosed my bonds.

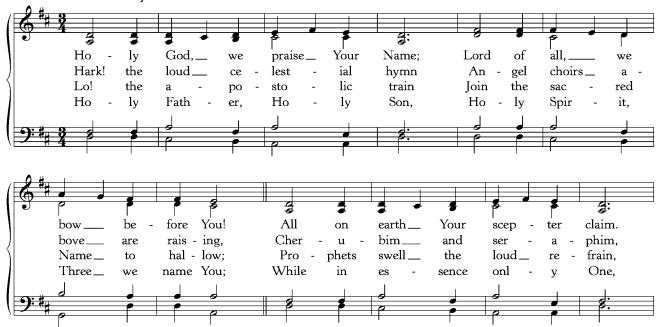
All: We will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

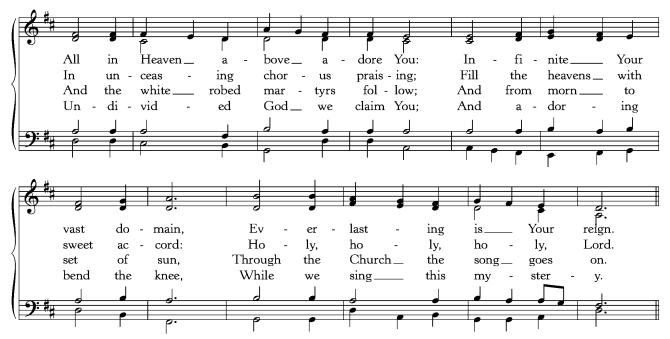
Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the LORD!

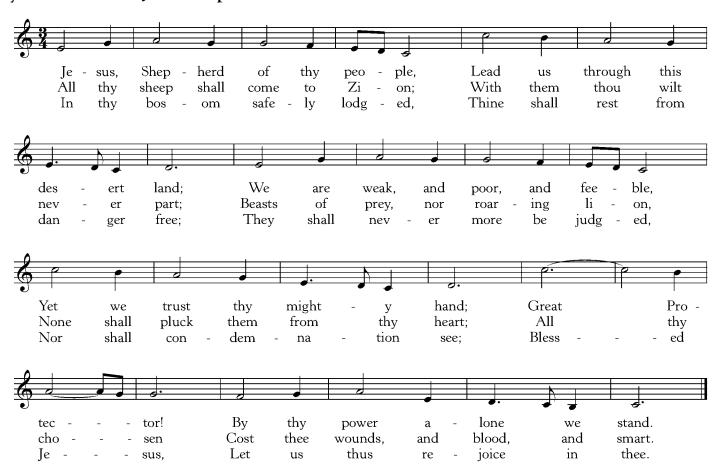
Hymn of Praise—Holy God We Praise Your Name





Text: Based on Te Deum, 4th century, Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774.

Hymn of Praise—Jesus Shepherd



Text: J. Adams; Music: Cathy Steere, ©2008 www.restassuredhymns.com

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

New Testament Reading—I Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

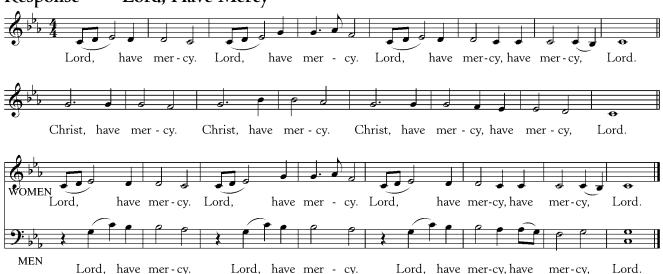
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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, Have Mercy



Text: Luke 18:13; Music: Franklin Kyrie, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Corporate Confession of Sin-Psalm 51:15, 17, Isaiah 53:4-6

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth will declare your praise.

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Leader: Surely Christ has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

All: yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

All: upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

All: and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

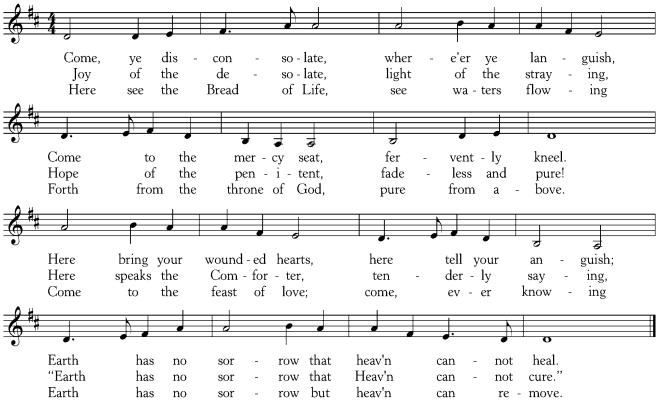
Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Hymn of Promise—Come Ye Disconsolate



CCLI #11121087 Text: Thomas Moore, 1816; Music: DISCONSOLATE, Gregory D Wilbur, 2007.

All Saints' Day Testimonies

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 22:I-24

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

²⁰ Now after these things it was told to Abraham, "Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: ²¹ Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, ²² Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." ²³ (Bethuel fathered Rebekah.) These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. ²⁴ Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

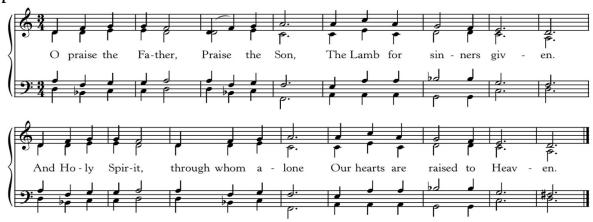
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, part 30

Tested and Tried

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—O Praise the Father



Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

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—Sanctus

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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. Take the bread at the first table & then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—Rejoice, O Pure in Heart



Text: E.H. Plumptre, 1865; Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1883.

Hymn of Communion—Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending



Text: Charles Wesley. 1707-88) and John Cennick, 1718-55; Music: HELMSLEY, 18th century English Melody.

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 All the Saints



Text: William W. How, 1864; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

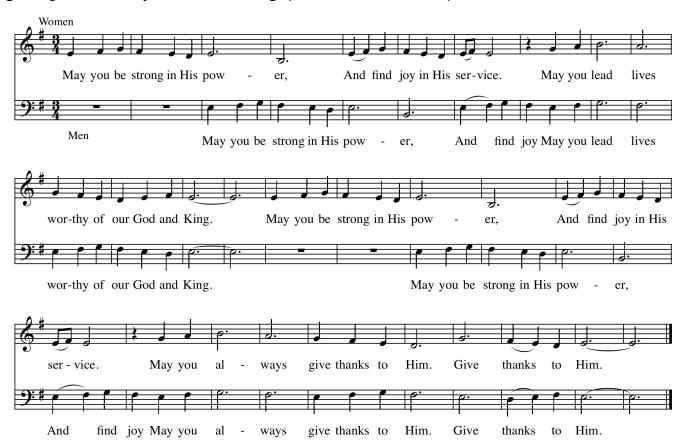
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Colossians 3:2-4

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. *Amen.*

Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians I:10-II)



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Prayer Focus—Joshua (Gina) Rieger is a church planter with Mission to the World (the foreign mission agency of the PCA) in Northumberland, England, the least densely populated, most secular and most northern county in England. One hundred years ago Northumberland had 90 Presbyterian Church in 4 Presbyteries but today there are only 3 evangelical churches. Joshua and Gina have ministered for four years in Northern England and are currently working with a new church plant in Hexham, a town that has not had an evangelical church in 40 years. Please pray for Joshua and Gina in the following ways:

- Pray for Josh and Gina's marriage and children; for their spiritual health and strength.
- Pray for spiritual revival in Northern England that will produce a hunger for Christ, His Word and His Church.
- Pray for continue growth, spiritually and numerically, within the Hexham Presbyterian Church.
- Pray for continued growth at the Westminster Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Gatehead, England where Josh is the Dean of Students.



Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "Tested and Tried" is taken from Genesis 22. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- What parallels do you see between Abraham's original call in Genesis 12:1-3 and the call of Genesis 22?
- How do we square the fact that God's command for Isaac to be sacrificed is in direct violation of the command "Thou shalt not kill" in Exodus 20:I3?
- In Genesis 12:1-3, God asked Abraham to leave his past behind, but in Genesis 22, God is asking Abraham to sacrifice his future. What does this teach us about the nature of faith?
- In reflecting on Genesis 22, Iain Duguid asks the question, "Are you ever afraid that God would ask too much of you? What would be too much?"
- What similarities do you see between Isaac and Jesus in this passage? What differences?
- How is God calling you to respond to the message of Genesis 22?

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