



# CORNERSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*Ordinary Time—Thanksgiving Sunday*  
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# 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—Canon of Thanks with Children's Choir

Thank the Lord, O thank the Lord; Let all the world rejoice as one.

O come, you thankful people, come; Alleluia.

Count your blessings one by one, and praise the work that God has done.

Rejoice and sing forevermore; Alleluia.

## Announcements & Preparation

### Choral Introit—Let All Things Now Living

#### Children's Choir: Verse I

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

#### All: Verse 2



His law He en - force-es: the stars in their cours-es, the sun in its or-bit, o - be-dient-ly shine;



The hills and the moun-tain, the riv-ers and foun-tains, the deeps of the o-cean pro-claim Him di - vine.



We too should be voic-ing our love and re - joic-ing, with glad ad - o-ra-tion a song let us raise,



'Til all things now liv-ing u - nite in thanks - giv-ing to God in the high-est, ho - san-na and praise!

Text: Katherine Davis, 1939; Music: ASH GROVE, Welsh Folk Song.

## Call to Worship—from Psalm III:1-5, 7-9

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.  
He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

All: the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

Pastor: they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Pastor: Holy and awesome is his name!

## Hymn of Praise—For the Beauty of the Earth

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838, Arr by William H. Monk, 1861.

## Psalm of Praise—Psalm 138: With Grateful Heart



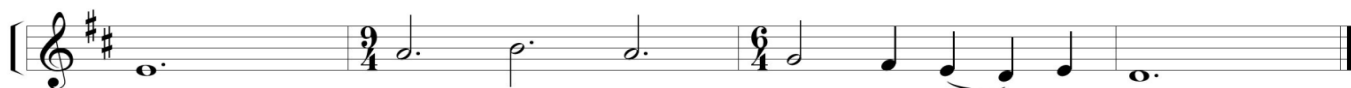
With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring, Be - fore the great Thy  
I cried to Thee and Thou didst save, Thy Word of grace new  
O Lord, en - throned in glor - y bright, Thou reign - est in the  
Thou wilt stretch forth Thy might - y arm To save me when my



praise I sing; I wor - ship in Thy ho - ly place And  
cour - age gave; The kings of earth shall thank Thee, Lord, For  
heaven - ly height; The proud in vain Thy fav - or seek, But  
foes a - larm; The work Thou hast for me be - gun Shall



praise Thee for Thy truth and grace; For truth and grace to - geth - er  
they have heard Thy wond - rous Word; Yea, they shall come with songs of  
Thou hast mer - cy for the meek; Through trou - ble though my path - way  
by Thy grace be ful - ly done; For - ev - er mer - cy dwell with



shine In Thy most ho - ly Word di - vine.  
praise, For great and glor - ious are Thy ways.  
be, Thou wilt re - trieve and strengthen me.  
Thee; O Lord, my Mak - er, think on me.

Text: Psalm 138, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: SUSSEX CAROL, Traditional English Tune.

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

## Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 12

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

WOMEN Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

MEN Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

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

### Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Colossians 3:12-17

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. As your chosen ones,  
we have not always put on compassionate hearts, kindness or humility.

All: You have called us holy and beloved,  
but yet we fail to be meek and patient,  
nor do we bear with one another.

Pastor: As You have forgiven us, so we also must forgive.

All: We neglect to put on love  
which should bind everything together in perfect harmony.

Pastor: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts—for this we have been called as one body.

All: Help us shift the gaze from our own lives, and be thankful.

Pastor: May Your Word dwell in us richly that we may teach and admonish one another  
in all wisdom as we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

All: Let these melodies fill us with thankfulness in our hearts to You.

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—from Colossians 1:16-17, 19-20

By Christ, all things were created in heaven and on earth—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.



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

## Hymn of Praise—We Gather Together

We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; he  
Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, or -  
We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant, and

chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known; the  
dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine; so  
pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be. Let

wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing; sing  
from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning; thou,  
thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion: thy

prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Text: Netherlands Folk Hymn, Tr Theodore Baker, 1917;  
Music: KREMSLER, Adrianus Valerius's *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626, Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877.

## Testimony of God's Faithfulness—Barbara Cheney

### Responsive Reading—Psalm 136:I-4, 23-26

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All:     **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

All:     **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

All:     **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: to him who alone does great wonders,

All:     **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

All:     **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: and rescued us from our foes,

All:     **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: he who gives food to all flesh,

All:     **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

All:     **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## Testimony of God's Faithfulness—Jim and Gari Vernier

### GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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#### The Reading of the Word—Philippians 1:3-6

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

**Sermon—***Give Thanks: Remembering God's Faithfulness in the Past*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*



### Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system of music has the following lyrics: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system of music has the following lyrics: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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.

## 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

WOMEN

MEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the

Bless-ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho

high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men.

san-nah in the high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est. A - men.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

## 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—Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es, who won-drous things hath  
O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us, with ev - er - joy - ful  
All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en, the Son, and him who

done, in whom his world re - joic - es; who from our moth - ers' arms, hath  
hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and  
reigns with them in high - est heav - en; the one e - ter - nal God, whom

blessed us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
guide us when per - plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
earth and heav'n a - dore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1636, Tr by Catherin Winkworth, 1858; Music: Nun Danket, Johann Crüger, 1647.

## Communion Hymn—Christ is Our Cornerstone

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has three lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature.

Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build; With  
O then with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring; Our  
Here may we gain from Heav'n, The grace which we im - plore; And

His true saints a - lone The courts of Heav'n are filled; On His great love  
voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing; And thus pro - claim  
may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more; Un - til that day

our hopes we place Of pre - sent grace and joys a - bove.  
in joy - ful song Both loud and long, that glor - ious name.  
when all the blest To end - less rest are called a - way.

Text: Unknown author, 6th or 7th Century (Angularis fundamentum lapis); translated from Latin to English by John Chandler, 1837.  
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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—This is My Father's World

This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears All  
This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, The  
This is my Fa - ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Ma - ker's praise. This  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet. This

is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of  
is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the  
is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
sus Who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin Sheppard, 1915.

## 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 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Amen.

### Sung Response—To You, O God, We Render Thanks, Vs 4

To You, O God, we ren - der thanks, To You give thanks sin - cere, Be -  
cause Your won - drous works de - clare That You are ev - er near.

Text: Psalm 75; Music: ST, ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727.

**Prayer Focus**—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, and 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 aide them both prayerfully and financially to re-enter society enabled by the grace of God to live godly and productive lives. Rick Allen and Richard Jennings, from the Nashville Presbytery, currently minister at both Riverbend Maximum Security Institution (RMSI) and Lois M. DeBerry Special Needs Facility (DSNF) six days a week. HPM is the only reformed ministry at those facilities. Please pray for:

- Ray Tullios—he will be released this Saturday. He is a believer and is ready to be a productive citizen.
- Jimmy Kertzman—he has been out for a few years and is having some real struggles.
- Eddie—he is serving 7 years and God is using him to live out his faith each and every day.
- Frank—has 3 more years. He is an older man and really loves the Lord and helps us with the Bible studies.
- Greg—has been out for 4 months and is doing great. He just moved into his own apartment and is working in the Gulch. Please pray God will use him and guard his heart from temptation.
- Rick Allen’s son, Chris, who is prodigal.
- DSNF is in need of a chaplain. Please pray God will provide a man who loves God and will love the men!



Today's message, "Give Thanks: Remember God's Faithfulness in the Past" is taken from Philippians 1:3-6. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- In Paul's prayer, he thanks God for the "partnership (fellowship) of the gospel" he shares with the Christians in Philippi. Take a moment to think about the members of the church. What thanksgiving can you offer to God for the partnership or fellowship you share with them?
- Paul prays his thanksgiving to the Lord, but he also *tells* the Christians in Philippi his prayers of thanksgiving for them. Who can you encourage today by sharing why you're thankful to God for them?
- Discuss the relationship between prayerful remembrance of God's blessings and a heart of thanksgiving.
- Think back over God's faithfulness to you. Ponder the many blessings you've received and let gratefulness fill your heart. Share with your HFG or those around you if time permits. Close this reflection in prayer, offering thanksgiving to God.

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