



CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
Ordinary Time—Thanksgiving Sunday
19 November 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: Michelle Marshall; 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: Awake, My Soul, Vs 1, 2, 11—Children’s Choir

Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise, To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Thy precious time misspent, redeem, Each present day thy last esteem,
Improve thy talent with due care; For the great day thyself prepare.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1685; Music: William Billings, 1746-1800

Announcements & Preparation

Choral Introit—Let All Things Now Living

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.

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

Call to Worship—from Psalm III:I-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

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.
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Text: Folliot 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+++

Testimony of God's Faithfulness—Brent & Andrea Roberts

New Testament Reading—Romans 12:9-18

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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 binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Pastor: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts—for to 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 I: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—This is My Father's World



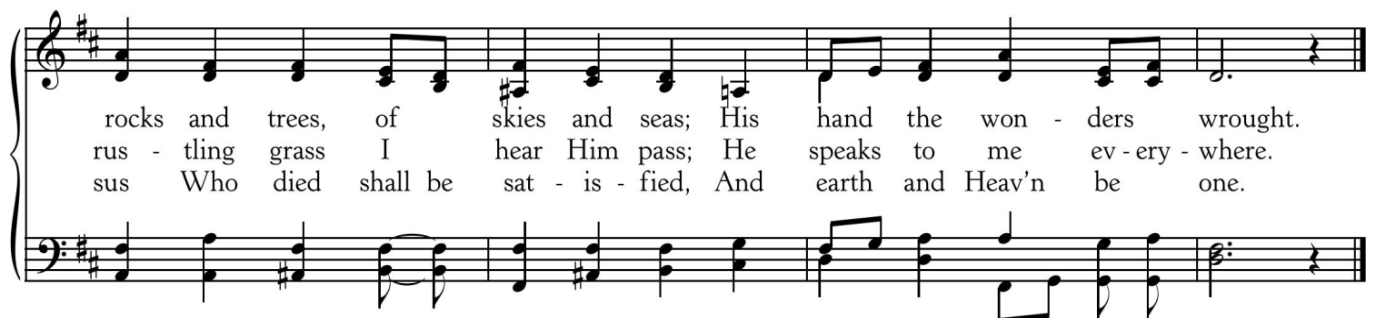
This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears All
This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, The
This is my Fa - ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get That



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 TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philemon 1:8-16

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Refresh My Heart in Christ: The Letter of Philemon, Part 2

A Loving Appeal

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN
 MEN

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 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.

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.

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

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—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 Gedenccklank*, 1626, Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877.

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

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics: "To You, O God, we ren - der thanks, To You give thanks sin - cere, Be -". The second system has the lyrics: "cause Your won - drous works de - clare That You are ev - er near." The music is in 4/4 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

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

Prayer Focus—Ross Lockwood, RUF Campus Minister, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Ross Lockwood is the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) campus minister at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. RUF is the campus ministry organization of the Presbyterian Church in America. RUF has experienced rapid growth the past few years, and currently has 140 chapters at different college campuses spread over 37 states, Mexico, Columbia and the Czech Republic. More than just a ministry on the university, RUF seeks to be a ministry for the university. It strives to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life.

- Pray that sons, Ira and Bo, would stay healthy this semester.
- Pray that God would bring many new students into the RUF community.
- Pray that God would use the small groups to deepen students' relationships with Him and each other.
- Pray that God would use the preaching of his Word at RUF to draw both Christians and non-Christian students to see His amazing love for us in Christ.

Home Fellowship Groups

River Landing—Jim & Gwen Smith

Second and Fourth Sundays, 6:00pm, Smith's house, Book discussion

West Nashville—Andy & Katie Patton

Every other Sunday, 5:00pm, Patton's house, Sermon discussion

Upper Room—Bob & Cindi Wolk

First and Third Sundays after Second service at Cornerstone, Sermon discussion

Liberty Pike—Dan Fiedler & Carl Ware

Second and Fourth Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm, Ware's house, Sermon discussion

Grassland—Steve Green & John Marquardt

First and Third Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Green's house, sermon discussion and studying Colossians

South Franklin—John & Allison Millard

Every other Sunday, 5:00pm, Millard's House, Sermon discussion

East Franklin—Mark & Lindsey Elliott

First, Second, and Third Sundays after the Second Service, Elliott's house, Sermon discussion

Fieldstone/Cottonwood—Greg & Sophia Wilbur

Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays, 5:00pm, Wilbur's house, Sermon discussion

Downtown—Joe & Josephine Haworth

First and Third Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm, Cornerstone Third Floor, Sermon discussion

Today's message, "A Loving Appeal" is taken from Philemon 1:8-16. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- What's the wisdom behind Paul's choice to "appeal" to Philemon instead of "command" him (see v. 8-9, 14)?
- How does Paul's interpretive suggestion of Onesimus departing (v. 15-16) provide Philemon a new way of looking at the situation?
- R.C. Lucas writes, "*To live in this evil world Christians cannot avoid living within social structures that are unjust and unequal, though their presence within it as salt and light should help to change structures. Yet, whether one is born an 'Onesimus' or a 'Philemon,' one can find in Christ the secret of spiritual freedom.*" What point(s) is Lucas making? How can we apply this principle to our own time?
- How is this letter a model of Christian discipleship and peacemaking? What specific ways has God been speaking to you through the study of this letter?

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