Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

Last Sunday of Pentecost—Thanksgiving Sunday

22 November 2015

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery—Downstairs on the Left

Preschool (Downstairs behind I-2) Joe & Joy Marlo and Sarah Esmond, Teachers

K-Ist Grade (Downstairs on the far Left) Susannah Sammons, Teacher; Sue Steffens & Sophia Wilbur Assistants

2nd -3rd Grade (Schaeffer Room: Rm 302)Bob Wolk, Teacher; Ramona Jones, Assistant

4th-5th Grade (Comenius Room: Rm 30I) Dave Raymond, Teacher; Andrew Ansley, Assistant

6th Grade (Room Behind the Kitchen) Charlotte Robinson and James Goddard, Teachers

Girl 7th-8th (Downstairs on the Right) Maggie Purifoy & Gretchen Thomas, Courtney Crampton, Assistant

Boy 7th-8th (Downstairs on the Right) Marty Smith and Marc Sammons, Teachers Senior High 9th-I2th (Merridees) Teachers: Thomas Purifoy and Dwane Thomas

Adult: Chapel Class (Chapel) Tony Giles

Adult: Koinonia Class (Kuyper Room) Larry Thompson Adult: Biblical Parenting (Greg's Office) Randy Allen

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 138: I Will Give You Thanks and Praise You, Vs I



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.

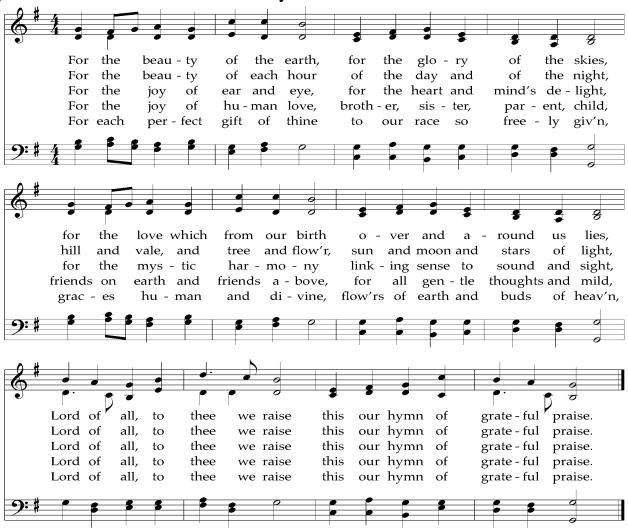
All: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

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

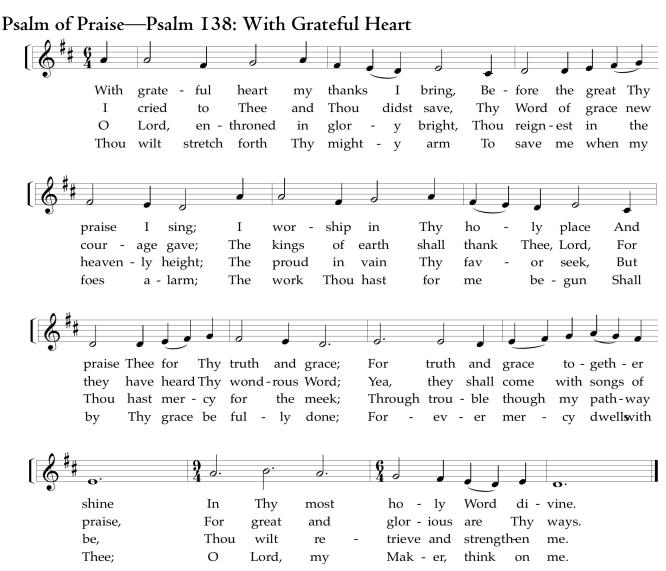
All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Pastor: Holy and awesome is his name!

Hymn of Praise—For the Beauty of the Earth



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



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

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

New Testament Reading—Colossians 3:12-17

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

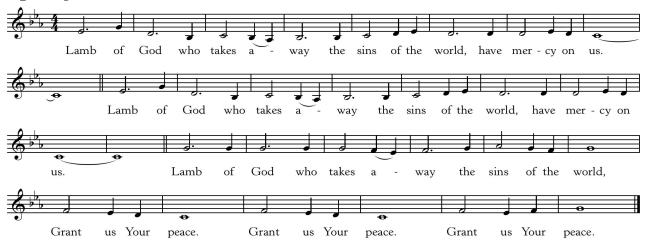
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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—Lamb of God



Text: John I:29; Music: Franklin Agnus Dei, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Romans 1:18-23, 25

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Your wrath is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of man, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

All: What can be known about You is plain because You have shown it to us.

Pastor: Your invisible attributes—Your eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world in the things that have been made

All: We are without excuse, for although we knew You, we did not honor You or give thanks to You.

Pastor: We became futile in our thinking and our foolish hearts were darkened.

All: Claiming to be wise, we became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for earthly things.

Pastor: We have exchanged the truth about You, O God, for a lie and worshipped the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!

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.

Hymn of Praise—This is My Father's World



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

The Reading of the Word—Acts 2:40-47

40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Testimony of God's Faithfulness

—Larry and Lynda Thompson

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 40:I, 9-I0

I I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Testimony of God's Faithfulness

Lauren Smith, 1st Service
 Brandon Spun, 2nd Service

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 107:1-2, 21-22, 43

I Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

- 21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!
- 43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Testimony of God's Faithfulness

—Benny and Michelle Marshall

Sermon—When God Moves, Pt 7
Give Praise to God

Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—Psalm 100: All Earth With Joy



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

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.

^{* &}quot;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—Let All Things Now Living



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Communion Hymn—Christ is Our Cornerstone



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.

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



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

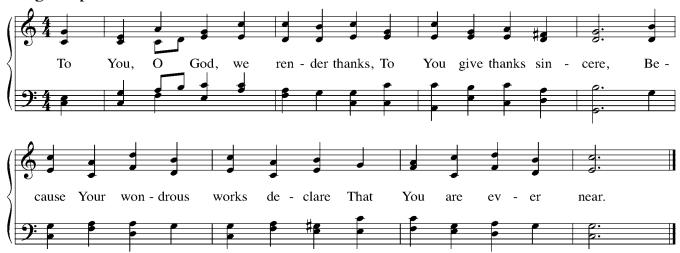
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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



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

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS—STARTING AUGUST 23

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Mark Elliott, 615-477-1041 or markrelliott@yahoo.com Every Sundays (except the last Sunday of the month) after the 2nd Service., Elliott's house

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 and the Twelve Days—Celebration of the Incarnation and 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

Today is the final installment in our series, "When God Moves," where we've been investigating the compelling portrait of the early church in Acts 2:42-47. We wrap up this study today by looking at Acts 2:47, highlighting the relationship between praise and thanksgiving of God and the love of each other. To help you apply the teaching of today's message, please prayerfully read and discuss the questions below with your family or Home Fellowship group.

- What does it mean to praise God? Do you have a normal practice of praising God? What fruit should we expect from praising God? How would you like to grow in praising God?
- What is the Greek word for favor and how does that help us understand what it means to have favor with someone? Why do you think the early church had favor in the eyes of the community?
- How can the praise of God be a means of spreading the good news of the gospel?
- What does the phrase "And the Lord added to their number" tell us about the real source for church growth? Why is God's sovereignty in evangelism a comfort to us as we share the gospel with others?
- Take a moment right now to consider how praising God can be incorporated into your Thanksgiving celebrations this week. With your family or home fellowship group, discuss practical ideas for expressing praise to God for all He's done this year.

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