



# CORNERSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*Last Sunday of the Season of Pentecost*  
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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, Announcements & Preparation

### Introit—Glory Be to the Father, Vs I

Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo-ry be to God the Son, Glo-ry be to God the Spir-it, Great Je-ho-vah, Three in One! Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry, While e - ter-nal ag - es run!

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of grand staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a supporting bass line in the left hand. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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### Call to Worship—from Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

All: Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Pastor: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

All: And his faithfulness endures to all generations.

### Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians Join to Sing

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

The musical score is written for piano in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of grand staves. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next three lines. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a supporting bass line in the left hand. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;  
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish Melody, Arr David Evans, 1927.

## Hymn of Praise—Psalm 100: All Earth With Joy

All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voic - es ring -  
En - ter His gates with thank - giv - ing, to His courts come prais -

ing. With glad - ness serve the LORD; come to Him joy - ful - ly  
ing. To Him be thank - ful, and bless His name, your voic - es

sing - ing. The LORD is God, Know that He made us His  
rais - ing. The LORD is good; His lov - ing - kind - ness en -

own. We are the sheep of His pas - ture.  
dures, His faith - ful - ness lasts for - ev - er.

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

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

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

- 1 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.

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It features a choir and soloists. The lyrics are: 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.

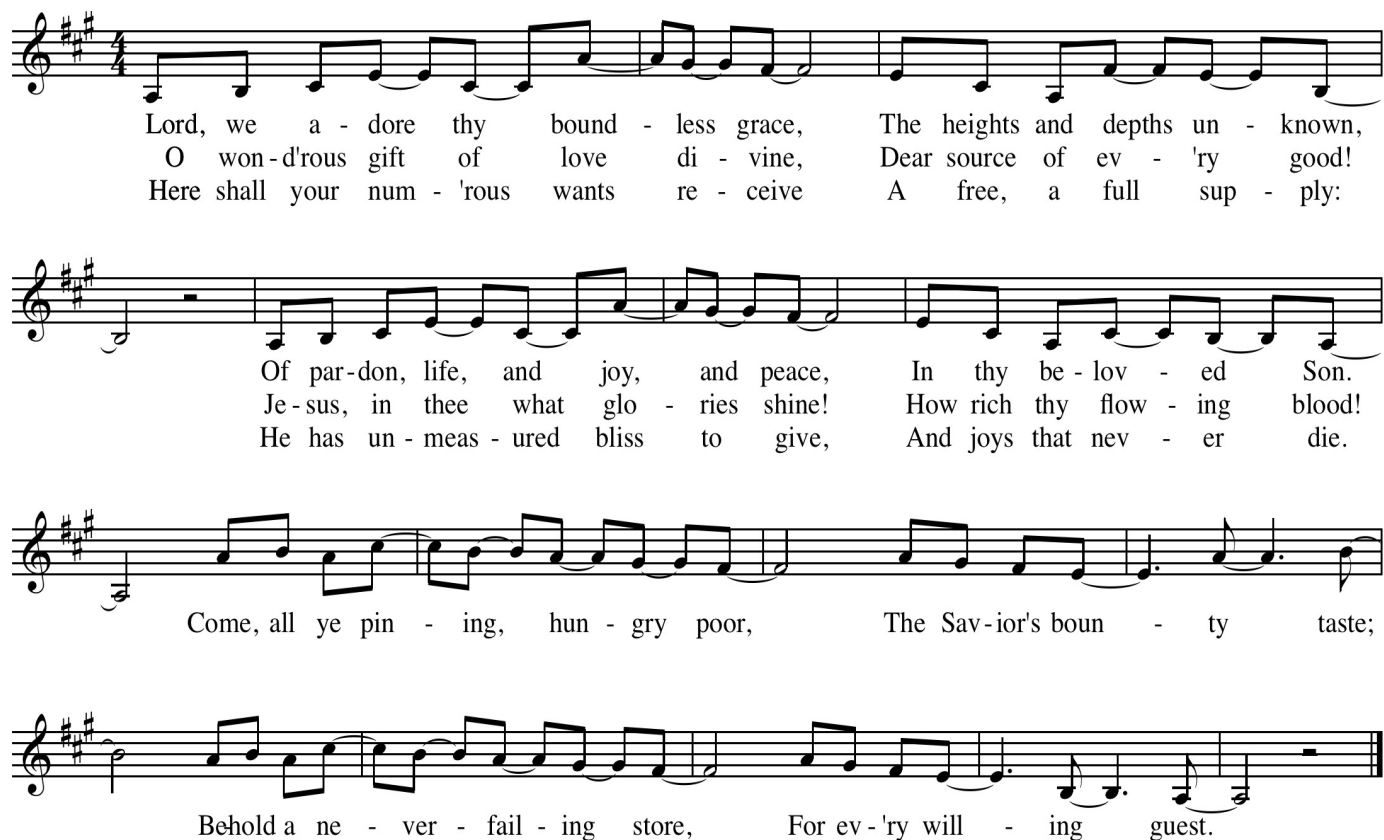
## Silent Prayers of Confession

### 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—Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music, each with corresponding lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in two columns per staff, with some lines split across the columns. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and some rests.

Lord, we a - dore thy bound - less grace, The heights and depths un - known,  
O won - d'rous gift of love di - vine, Dear source of ev - 'ry good!  
Here shall your num - 'rous wants re - ceive A free, a full sup - ply:

Of par - don, life, and joy, and peace, In thy be - lov - ed Son.  
Je - sus, in thee what glo - ries shine! How rich thy flow - ing blood!  
He has un - meas - ured bliss to give, And joys that nev - er die.

Come, all ye pin - ing, hun - gry poor, The Sav - ior's boun - ty taste;

Behold a ne - ver - fail - ing store, For ev - 'ry will - ing guest.

# 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 in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—*Give Thanks: Hoping in God's Promises for the Future*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

## Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.' The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.' The music ends with a double bar line.

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

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

MEN

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.

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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

Re - joice, O pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
Bright youth and snow-crowned age, both men and wom - en, raise  
Still lift your stan - dard high, still chant - ing as you go,  
At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest,  
Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we a - dore:

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
on high your free, ex - ult - ing song, de - clare God's won - drous praise.  
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
the pil - grims reach their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
re - joice, re - joice,

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

## Communion Hymn—Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad - ness to this heart;  
 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;  
 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the awe - full load  
 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ran - som due;  
 Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone can cov - er me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de - part.  
 Thy stripes, not mine, con - tain The balm that makes me whole.  
 Of sins that none could bear But the in - car - nate God.  
 Ten thou - sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.  
 No right - eous - ness a - vails Save that which is of Thee.



To whom save Thee, who canst a - - lone



For sin a - - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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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.

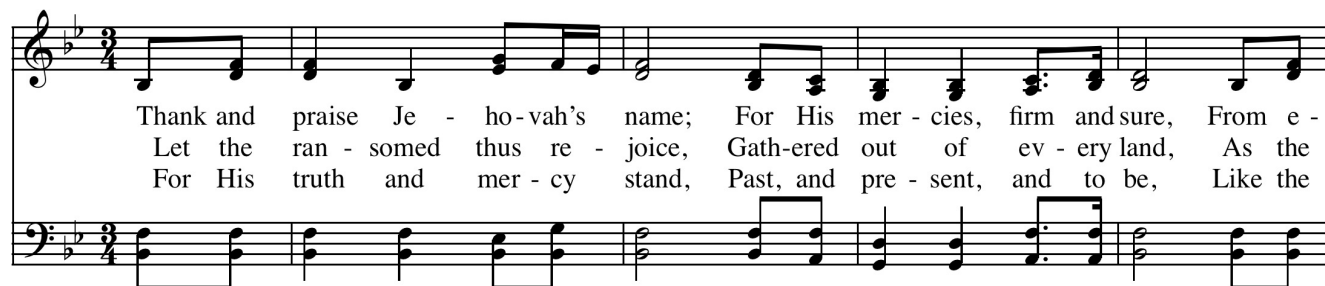
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

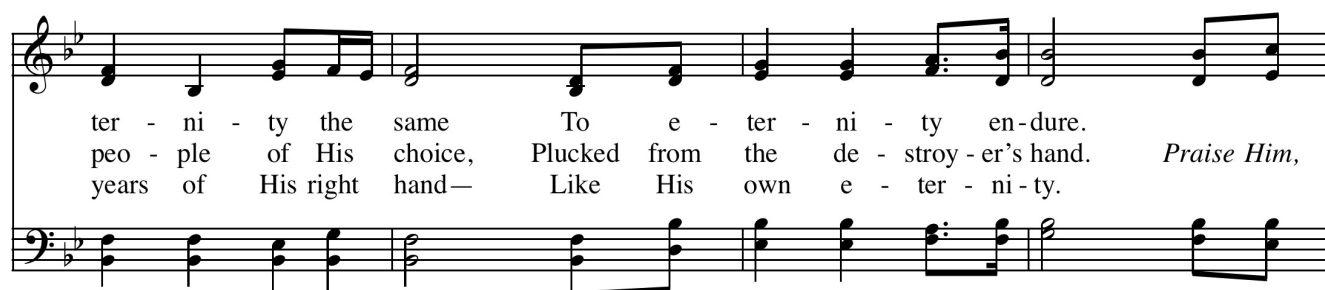
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

### Hymn of Praise—Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name



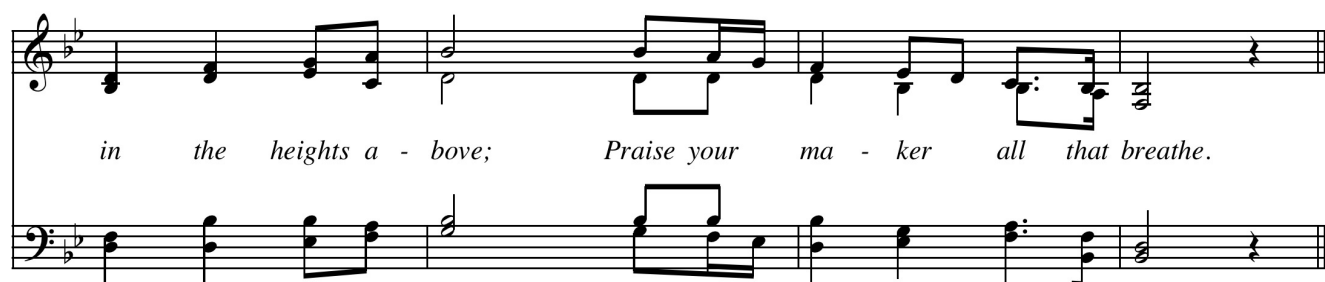
Thank and praise Je - ho - vah's name; For His mer - cies, firm and sure, From e -  
Let the ran - somed thus re - joice, Gath-ered out of ev - ery land, As the  
For His truth and mer - cy stand, Past, and pre - sent, and to be, Like the



ter - ni - ty the same To e - ter - ni - ty en-dure.  
peo - ple of His choice, Plucked from the de - stroy - er's hand. *Praise Him,*  
years of His right hand— Like His own e - ter - ni - ty.



ye who know His love; *Praise Him from the depths be - neath; Praise Him*



in the heights a - bove; *Praise your ma - ker all that breathe.*

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# 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 3:11-13

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Amen.*

## Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)



The Lord bless you and keep\_\_ you. The Lord make His face shine up - on\_\_ you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The  
Lord be gra - cious to\_\_ you. The Lord turn His face\_\_ to - ward\_\_ you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.  
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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**Prayer Focus**—Crossroads Prison Ministries (CPM), formerly Crossroad Bible Institute, was founded thirty years ago as a way to disciple prisoners who had made a decision to follow Christ. The ministry's foundation is to form mentoring relationships between people in prison and volunteers from churches throughout the world. These relationships are formed through the use of Bible studies that are completed by the prisoner and mailed to the mentor, who reviews the lessons and responds back to the prisoner through encouraging letters. Currently CPM operates in 19 different countries and reaches 30,000 prisoners each year with a library of twelve Bible study courses. Eight Cornerstone members are involved in CPM.

- Pray for more mentors from Cornerstone.
- Pray for acceptance by local churches of CPM students once they are released from prison.
- Pray for resources for CPM to assist students in locating a loving and caring local church.

Today's message, "Give Thanks: Hoping in God's Promises for the Future" 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 for the church at Philippi, he gives thanks for their "partnership in the gospel" (v.5). The word for partnership is the Greek word *koinonia*, which is often translated fellowship. How is the word fellowship used in the Bible differently from the way we use it today?
- According to the message, what were the four aspects of the partnership in the gospel that Paul shared with the church at Philippi? What do these teach us about the nature of Christian fellowship and ministry?
- Paul moves from remembrances and thanksgivings to hope for the future in v. 6. How does God's past faithfulness and the present evidences of grace in our lives lay foundations for future hope? Share a story of God's faithfulness in your past that continues to give you hope for his future faithfulness to you.
- James Montgomery Boice once wrote, "God never starts anything he doesn't finish." In what way do you need to hear and believe that truth personally? Take a moment now to pray to that end.

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