



# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*25 February 2018*

## *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/I<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Room I03 (basement)

Teacher: Michelle Marshall; Assistant: Mark Elliott

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Room I0I (basement)

Teacher: Bob Wolk; Assistant: Anneke Seely

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Comenius Room (third floor)

Teacher: Ronda Laventure; Assistant: Julia Grounds

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Schaeffer Room (third floor)

Teacher: Charlotte Robinson; Assistant: Mary Lynn Giles

**Youth** (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and I0<sup>th</sup>-I2<sup>th</sup>) at Merridees

**Adult**

The Chapel Class: *Count it All Joy* (Chapel)

Koinonia Class: *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (Kuyper Room 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

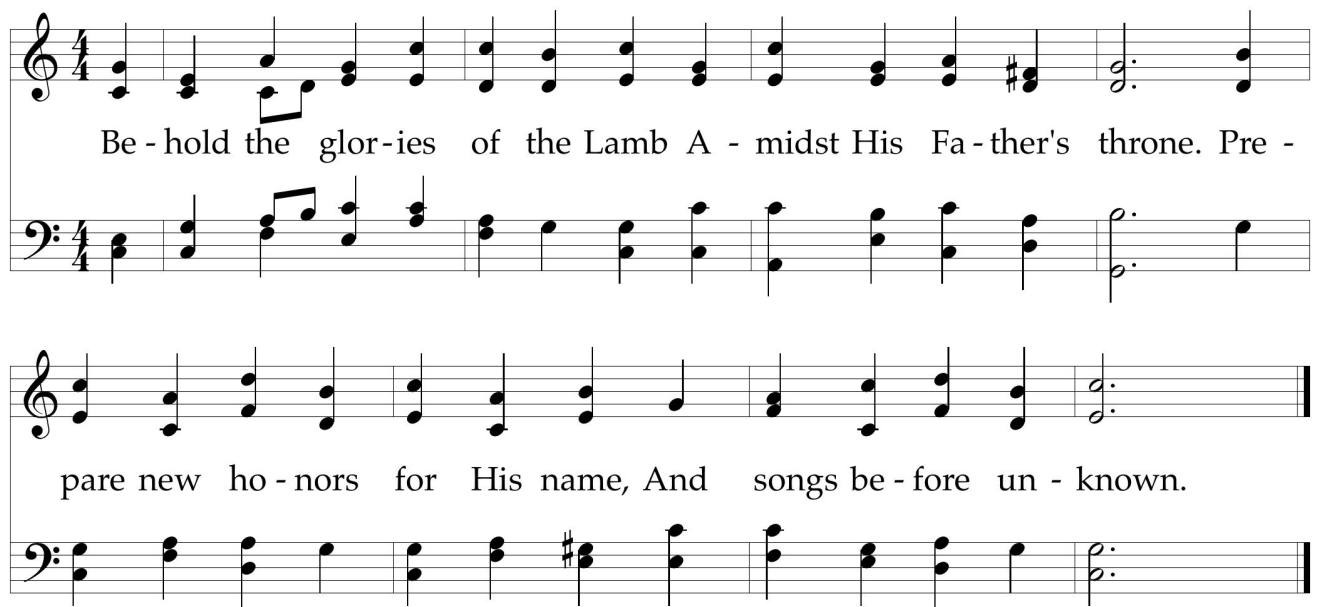
## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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*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—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs I



Be - hold the glor - ies of the Lamb A - midst His Fa - ther's throne. Pre -  
pare new ho - nors for His name, And songs be - fore un - known.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1688; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

## Call to Worship—Psalm 5:1-4, 7-8, 11-12

Pastor: Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.  
Give attention to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

All: O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

Pastor: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.  
But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

All: We will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Pastor: Lead us, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;  
make your way straight before us.

All: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,  
and spread your protection over them,  
that those who love your name may exult in you.

Pastor: For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

## The Refrain for the First Use of the Law—Galatians 3:21-22

Pastor: Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not!

All: For if a law had been given that could give life,  
then righteousness would indeed be by the law.

Pastor: But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin,

All: so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

## 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!

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.

### Psalm of Praise—Psalm 135: Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

Ex - alt the Lord, His praise pro - claim; All ye His serv - ants, praise His  
 I know the Lord is high in state, A - bove all gods our Lord is  
 Ex - alt the Lord, His praise pro - claim; All ye His ser - vants, praise His

Name, Who in the Lord's house ev - er stand And hum - bly  
 great; The Lord per - forms what He de - crees, In heaven and  
 Name, Who in the Lord's house ev - er stand And hum - bly

serve at His com - mand. The Lord is good, His praise pro -  
 earth, in depths and seas. He makes the va - vors to as -  
 serve at His com - mand, For - ev - er praise and bless His

claim; Since it is pleas - ant, praise His Name; His peo - ple  
 cend In clouds from earth's re - mo - test end; The light - nings  
 Name, And in the church His praise pro - claim; In Zi - on

for His own He takes And His pe - cul - iar trea - sure makes.  
 flash at His com - mand, He holds the tem - pest in His hand.  
 is His dwell - ing place; Praise ye the Lord, show forth His grace.

Text: Psalm 135, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: TREE OF LIFE, Traditional Shaker Tune.

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

## Old Testament Reading—Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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## 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—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)



Hear my prayer, O Lord, and an-swer me. I am poor and need-y.  
You, O Lord, are good and for-giv-ing. Give ear to my prayer.



Save my life for you are the on-ly God. For to you I cry.  
Teach your way so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear You.



You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy. Grac-ious are you, O God. Slow to an-ger a-



bound-ing in faith-ful-ness. Turn to me, de-liv-er me. Save me in Your love.

Text & Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013. Used by permission.

## Call to Confession—Psalm 51:15, 17

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.

## Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Ephesians 5:1-14

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing.

You call us as Your beloved children to be imitators of You.

You call us to walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us  
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice.

**All:** But instead of thanksgiving, we give ourselves over to foolish talk,  
impurity and covetousness—which is idolatry.

Pastor: We are deceived by empty words, immorality and impurity  
and squander the inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

**All:** We act as partners with the sons of disobedience.  
We are darkness instead of being light in the Lord.

Pastor: May we walk as children of light with fruit that is good and right and true.  
May we discern what is pleasing to You, O Lord.

**All:** Forgive us for taking part in the unfruitful works of darkness,  
instead of exposing them.

Pastor: May we respond to the call to  
“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on us.”

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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

## Hymn of Praise—Psalm 5: Hear My Words

Hear my words, O grac - ious Lord, To my thoughts at - ten - tive be;  
With the morn - ing light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice a - rise,  
Thou art ho - ly, O my God, Thou de - light - est not in sin;  
In the full - ness of Thy grace To Thy house I will re - pair;

Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.  
And ex - pec - tant I will bring Prayer as mor - ning sac - ri - fice.  
E - vil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud Thy fav - or win.  
Bow - ing toward Thy ho - ly place, Lost in love I wor - ship there.

Text: Psalter 1912; Music: Gregory Wilbur, Adapted from *Keine Schonheit hat die Welt* by Johann Scheffler, 1657

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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### The Reading of the Word—Genesis 2:21-25

<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, pt 6

*Marriage as God Designed*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*



### Sung Response—Fairest Lord Jesus, Alternative Verse I

Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love Thee, tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system is in 4/4 time and features a vocal line with lyrics: "Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion Son of God and Son of Man!". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics: "Tru - ly I'd love Thee, tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown." The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

Text: *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; Music: ST. ELIZABETH, Silesian Folk Song, 1842.

### 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

## Matthew 11:28-30 & Psalm 34:8

Pastor: Jesus said: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

### Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN

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

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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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## Celebration of First Communion—Charles Walter Terrell, Son of Glen & Ellie Terrell

### 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—Glory to God! The Morn Appointed Breaks

Glo - ry to God! The morn ap - poin - ted breaks, And  
 Glo - ry to God! The cross, with all its shame, Now  
 Glo - ry to God! Sing, ran - somed souls a - - gain, And  
 Dark - ness and night, fare - well! The morn is here; Wel -  
 Great Son of God, im - mor - tal and re - nowned! Brigh -

earth a - - - wakes from all the woe - ful past; For,  
 sheds its glo - - - ry o'er a ran - somed world; For  
 let your songs our glor - ious vic - tor laud, Who  
 come! the light that ush - ers in the day; Vi -  
 ter than morn the glo - ry on Thy brow; Crowns

with the morn, the Lord of life - - - wakes, And  
 He who bore the bur - den of our blame, With  
 by His might hath snapped the ty - rant's chain, And  
 sions of joy be - fore our sight ap - - - pear, And,  
 must be won, and Thou are no - bly crowned, For

sin and death in - to the grave are cast.  
 pier - cèd hands the foe to hell hath hurled.  
 set us free to rise with Him to God.  
 like the clouds, our sor - rows melt a - - - way.  
 death is dead, and sin is van - - - quished now.

Text: John Brownlie, *Hymns of the Early Church*, 1913; Music: Greyfriars, 2016

## Hymn of Communion—There Is No Greater Portrait



There is no great-er por - trait Of love and sac - ri - fice Than Je - sus leav - ing  
He ran the race be - fore Him Though it was filled with pain, And walked the road to  
The Son of Man was lift - ed Be - fore cre - a - tion's eyes; Was mocked and scorned by  
O Sav - ior, let this sin - ner Be ran - somed by the flood Of mer - cy and for -



glo - ry And lay - ing down His life. When I look on the suf - fer - ings My Sav - ior chose to  
glo - ry In a - go - ny and shame. Then for the joy be - fore Him, He chose to bear the  
sol - diers, By kings and priests de - spised. But now the Son is ris - en, As - cend - ed to the  
give - ness A - bun - dant in Your blood. O Lord, be my sal - va - tion, Your Ho - ly Spir - it



bear, It fills my heart with sor - row To think I put Him there.  
cross, Pur - sued His Fa - ther's plea - sure And count - ed all else loss.  
skies. By an - gels He is wor - shipped; By na - tions glor - i - fied.  
send To change my heart and cause me To love You to the end.

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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—Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Je - sus draw me ev - er near - er As I la - bor through the  
Je - sus guide me through the tem - pest; Keep my spir - it staid and  
Let the trea - sures of the tri - al Form with - in me as I

storm. You have called me to this pass - age, and I'll fol - low, though I'm  
sure. When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, Let me love You ev - en  
go - And at the end of this long pass - age, Let me leave them at Your

worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, May I rise on wings of faith; And at the  
more.  
throne.

end of my heart's test - ing, With Your like - ness let me wake.

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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—**from II John I:3**

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—**O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II**

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet  
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my  
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

### **Prayer Focus**—Sessions, RUF, Campus Minister, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Richie Sessions is the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) campus minister for Vanderbilt University. 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 for Richie's children (Mamie, Griffin & Margaret).
- Pray for the RUF interns (Grace Anne Clark, Houston Clark & Nick Rodriguez) as they meet with students.
- Pray that the large group (Wednesday nights at 8:00 pm) would be a welcoming place where students can worship and hear the gospel.
- Pray for the RUF leadership team and interns that they would be unified in their mission to reach students for Christ and equip them to serve.
- Pray for RUF to become a more diverse community that better reflect the Vanderbilt student body.

## Wednesday Nights at Cornerstone February 14 – March 21

There's something for everyone as we gather as a church family for fellowship, relationship, Scripture, prayer, and song. This mid-week gathering is a great opportunity to support the week with spiritual disciplines and get to know other folks in the church.

- 5:30-6:00 Dinner\*
- 5:30-7:15 Youth dinner and meetings (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)—Meets Upstairs
- 6:15-7:00 Children's Choirs (PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)\*\*—Meets Downstairs
- 6:15-7:00 Vespers service and Prayer—Meets in the Chapel
- 7:15-8:30 Easter Choir Rehearsal

*The Vespers Service will include a time of teaching.  
Our topic will be:*

### Drawing Near to God

\*Reservation needed by Monday at Noon; \$5/person & \$20/family cap  
office@cstonepres.org

\*\*Please register your child for choir so we have appropriate assistants & supplies.

## 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

Second and Fourth Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm, Cornerstone Third Floor, Sermon discussion

Today's message, "Marriage as God Designed" is taken from Genesis 2:21-25. Please take time to discuss the questions between with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- What do the words "leave" and "hold fast" (v.24) communicate about the nature of marriage?
- In speaking of gender roles, theologians often describe the sexes as "equal but different." How are the sexes equal? How are they different? Why does this matter?
- Speaking of the creation of woman, Matthew Henry writes, "*Not made out of his head to top him, not made out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.*" Take a few minutes to reflect on the variety of biblical points made within this quote.
- How does the biblical teaching on complementarity in marriage differ from the world's focus on compatibility?
- More than sexuality, what significance does the one flesh union (v.24) between man and woman indicate?
- How does phrase "naked and unashamed" speak to our heart's deepest desire?
- What is one thing you're taking away from today's message?

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