



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP



March 4, 2018

“Excel in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord
your work is *not* in vain.”
1 Corinthians 15:58

A Service of Covenant Renewal

A GUIDE TO WORSHIP AT CORNERSTONE

To Our Guests:

Visiting a church can be an intimidating experience. We are glad that you are here, and we hope to remove as much of that awkwardness as we can from your visit to Cornerstone. Our Sunday service usually lasts about 75 minutes, and the following is designed to help you navigate it, whether you have been to church before or this is your first time. The goal of the service is to help each of us to see God's glory in Jesus Christ more clearly and understand more fully how he makes a difference in our lives.

The Sequence of Worship:

The flow of the worship service at Cornerstone follows a Biblical pattern that is very purposeful. It matches the story of God's work in our lives:

Called by God

God invites us to come into His presence, so we enter with joy and praise.

Cleansed by God

When God calls us, He also wants us to admit our need for Him. We confess our sins together and God cleanses us in Christ.

Consecrated by God

To be "consecrated" means to be set apart for a purpose or goal. We are consecrated by God's Word as we then read from the Scriptures and hear a sermon based on the Bible. One way we respond to God's Word is by giving to God's mission in the world through His church.

Communion with God

Having heard God's Word to us, we speak our requests back to God, and we have fellowship with Him in our prayer together. On certain Sundays we also have the Lord's Supper at this time, a meal that expresses God's communion with us.

Commissioned by God

The end of the worship service is God sending us back into the world to be His witnesses with His blessing (benediction).

Childcare:

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. We love to have children participating with the whole church in worship – even if they are a bit squirmy! However, should parents want assistance with their young children, we have **a nursery available** with nursery volunteers. Please do not hesitate to ask! We're ready to serve you and your children in any way we can.

*Note that we also have devices for the hearing impaired, if needed.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS – PASTOR ROBBIE CROUSE

†CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 95:1–7

†ENTRANCE SONG: “BE MAGNIFIED”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, whose most dear Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted in the wilderness, we come before You acknowledging our own temptations: the enticements of the world, the desires of the flesh, and the pride of life. We have given in to our temptations and fallen into sin; we have erred by our own fault, and we have grieved Your Spirit. Rend our hearts, Lord, and cause us to return to You in penitence and contrition. Remember that we are dust, and help us in our weakness. As Your Son went not up to joy without first suffering pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, we may find it to be the way of life and peace. As Christ has overcome sin and Satan, give us power to live in His obedience, that we too might be raised to new life. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†GLORIA PATRI (#735)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen!

†GREETING OF GRACE AND PEACE OF CHRIST

We're glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are a visitor, please sign our guestbook in the foyer so that we can get to know you more.

†SONG OF THANKSGIVING: “FOREVER”

† Congregation stands as they are able

Be Magnified

Verse 1

I have made You too small in my eyes
O Lord forgive me
And I have believed in a lie
That You were unable to help me
But now O Lord I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong
And in my eyes and with my song
O Lord be magnified
O Lord be magnified

Chorus

*Be magnified O Lord
You are highly exalted
And there is nothing You can't do
O Lord my eyes are on You
Be magnified O Lord
Be magnified*

Verse 2

I have leaned on the wisdom of men
O Lord forgive me
And I have responded to them
Instead of Your light and Your mercy
But now O Lord I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong
And in my eyes and with my song
O Lord be magnified
O Lord be magnified

Chorus

Forever

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever*

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Repeat Chorus

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: PSALM 127

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

² It is in vain that you rise up early
and stay up late,
to eat the bread of anxious toil;
for He gives to his beloved sleep.

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!

He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies at the gate.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 2:17–26, 4:4–12, 11:1–8

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:42–58

Ecclesiastes

2¹⁷ So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, because all is vapor and shepherding wind. ¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vapor. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vapor and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days his task is painful and grievous. Even in the night his heart does not find rest. This also is vapor.

²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find his toil to be good. I saw that this also is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from Him who can eat or have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who is pleasing in His sight God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to the one who pleases God. This also is vapor and shepherding wind.

4⁴ Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vapor and shepherding wind.

⁵ The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh.

⁶ Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and shepherding the wind.

⁷ Again, I saw vapor under the sun: ⁸ one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of joy?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

11¹ Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.

² Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.

³ If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves upon the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

⁴ He who watches for the wind will not sow,
and he who looks intently for the clouds will not reap.

⁵ As you do not know the way the path of the wind or how bones come about in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who works everything.

⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand,
for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

⁸ So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vapor.

**SERMON – Robbie Crouse, “Work that Lasts: Meaningful
Labor in this Vaporous Life”**

HYMN: "WE REST ON THEE" (#449)

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COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

†DOXOLOGY (#731)

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! Amen!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

†CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again
from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to
judge the living and the dead.*

*I 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!*

†HYMN: "LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL" (#580)

†COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School is an in-depth study of Scripture. Brian Mumme leads the discussion, starting at 9:45 am Sunday mornings. **Children's and Young Adult's Sunday Schools** are offered at this time as well.

Our Monday night prayer meeting is each Monday at 7:00 pm. For those unable to attend the meeting in person we have established a conference line with a speaker phone. Contact Gary Butler or Jim Zetler for details.

2nd Sunday Outreach. Please see Jamie Alburger or Brian Mumme for details.

Women's Fellowship is 10:00 am Saturday, March 10, at the home Joycelyn Branscome.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be rescheduled at a later date.

Good Friday Service is Friday, March 30. Details to come later.

***Please turn off all cell phones during the service.
Thank you!***

CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES

- Sunday School
 - Adults (Brian Mumme)
 - Young Adults (Jamie Alburger)
 - Children (Catey Alburger)
- Monday Evening Prayer Meeting (Gary Butler and Jim Zetler)
- 2nd Sunday Outreach (Brian Mumme and Jamie Alburger)
- Communion Sunday Lunch (Becky Crouse & Joycelyn Branscome)
- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tom Joseph)
- Women's Fellowship (Becky Crouse)

PRAYER LIST

Melanie Pitts – experienced a potentially serious setback in cancer recovery; for successful treatment of the new brain cancer; encouragement for Melanie and her family

Barry Pitts – encouragement as he takes care of both Melanie and his ailing mother

Leyda Ruiz – strength and encouragement for an upcoming surgery; relief from chest pain; and for Luis as he takes care of her

Betty Games – for her continued kidney dialysis and that Betty's condition would improve; for strength for DeVere for his faithful care

Virginia Wildrick – continued strength and healing

Baldini Family – comfort for Leslie and the family after Jonathan's passing

Harry Bromilow – continued healing from heart surgery and his headaches.

Norma Bromilow – strength in caring for Harry after his heart surgery and for relief from her arthritis

John Barber – full recovery from back surgery; God's guidance, wisdom and protection in future ministries

Claire Castner – relief and healing of her headaches

Phil Toren – full recovery from stroke

Gary Butler – healing from intestinal issues; strength and health

Christy Branche – relief from chronic headaches

Ornstein Family – full transition to Virginia; finding a new church home; for Helen and Kevin here



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