

Cornerstone Church PCA

Lord's Day Worship



July 1, 2018



Your name shall no longer be called
'Jacob,' but *Israel*, for you have
wrestled with God and with men
and have prevailed.

Genesis 32:28

A Service of Covenant Renewal Worship

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 24:1–6

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†ENTRANCE SONG: “OUR GOD” (NEXT PAGE)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, Merciful Father,

We, poor sinners, confess to You all our sins and iniquities which we have committed against You and which justly deserve Your holy wrath. We are truly sorry for them, and we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace found only in Christ Jesus. By his suffering and death, by his resurrection and intercession, grant us forgiveness, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You that we might forsake our sin and be led to everlasting 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.

† Congregation stands as they are able

Our God

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power
Our God, our God

Bridge

And if our God is for us,
Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
Then what could stand against?
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And if our God is with us,
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Repeat Chorus

May The Peoples Praise You

1. You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ.
2. May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife,
With boundless love and deepest joy,
With endless life.

Chorus

*May the peoples praise You!
Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus!*

3. All the earth is Yours and all within;
Each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known
4. May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard;
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word.

Chorus

5. This our holy privilege to declare,
Your praises and Your name,
To every nation, tribe, and tongue,
Your Church proclaims.

Chorus

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: PSALM 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,
- ² so that Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise You, O God!
Let all the peoples praise You!
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with fairness,
and guide the nations upon earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise You, O God!
Let all the peoples praise You!
- ⁶ The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, shall bless us.
- ⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Genesis 32:6–32; 33:10–11, 20; 35:1–4 / Hosea 12:2–6

New Testament: Luke 18:1–8

Genesis 32:6–32; 33:10–11, 20; 35:1–4

32 ⁶And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him!” ⁷Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, ⁸thinking, “If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.”

⁹And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’ ¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. ¹¹ Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. ¹² But You said, ‘I will surely

do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.”

¹³ So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau . . . ²⁰ For he thought, “I may appease his face with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me.” ²¹ So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him

until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me!”

²⁷ And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.”

²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called ‘Jacob,’ but ‘Israel,’ for you have wrestled with God and with men and have prevailed.”

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called

the name of the place “Penuel,” the face of God, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” ³¹ The sun

rose upon him as he went through Penuel, limping because of his hip.

³² Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh. . . .

33 ¹⁰ And Jacob said [to Esau], “No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, now that you have accepted me.

¹¹ Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.” Thus he urged him, and he took it. . . . ²⁰ There he erected an altar and called it, “El-

Elohe-Israel,” my God is the God of Israel.

35 ¹ God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.” ² So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. ³ Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in

the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.”
⁴So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the earrings that were in their ears. Jacob buried them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

Hosea 12:2–6

²The LORD has an indictment against Judah
and will punish Jacob according to his ways;
He will repay him according to his deeds.

³In the womb he took his brother by the heel,
and in his manhood he contended with God.

⁴He wrestled with the Angel and prevailed;
He wept and sought His favor.

He found Him at Bethel,
And there God spoke with us—

⁵the LORD, the God of hosts,
the LORD is His memorial name:

⁶“So you, by the help of your God, return!
Hold fast to love and justice,
and wait continually for your God!”

Luke 18:1–8

¹ And he told them a parable to show that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

SERMON – PASTOR ROBBIE CROUSE,

“God’s Intervening Grace: Striving with the God of Jacob”

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
&
RESPONSE HYMN: "COME THOU FOUNT" (#457)

†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!*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

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!*

†COMMISSIONING HYMN: "BE THOU MY VISION" (#642)

†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.

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 for details.

2nd Sunday Outreach is next week, July 8. Please see Jamie Alburger for visiting Heartland retirement home to encourage the residents there.

All-Church Fellowship Lunch is Sunday, July 15, directly after the worship service.

For those who are interested in membership at Cornerstone, please see the pastor, Robbie Crouse. **Church membership** is a commitment for the church to nurture and shepherd its members, and a commitment for the member to be an active participant in the mission of the church. Membership is encouraged for all regular attenders of Cornerstone.

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 Night Prayer Meeting (Gary Butler)

2nd Sunday Outreach (Jamie Alburger)

All-Church Fellowship Lunch (Becky Crouse & Joycelyn Branscome)

Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tom Joseph)

Women's Fellowship (Becky Crouse & Joycelyn Branscome)

PRAYER LIST

Virginia Wildrick & Family – for comfort in her ailing health; for courage to the end of life, and strength for the David and Melanie and family

Harry Castner & Family – for comfort and strength after Claire’s death; for Harry’s own health; for wisdom and guidance for Vanessa

Harold Gooding – for health; for encouragement for his grandson, Shane

Linda Jackson – for her ailing father and her care for him

Debbie Jackson – for her ailing grandmother and her care for her

Betty Butler – for help and wisdom dealing with heart palpitations

Melanie Pitts – for successful treatment of the new brain cancer; encouragement for Melanie and her family

Jayme Sellards – for care for his father’s health

Brian Mumme – for care for his mother; for her to believe in Christ

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

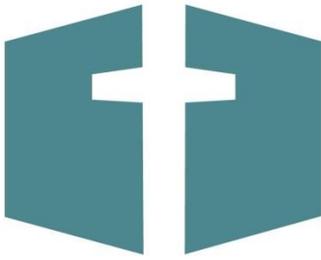
Jamie Alburger – for the completion of his doctoral education and guidance in career decisions afterwards

Harry & Norma Bromilow – Harry’s continued recovery from heart surgery and headaches; for relief for Norma from arthritis

Matt & Carmen O’Reilly – for a smooth transition to FL for Carmen

Cody & Eseta Drinkwine – for encouragement at the beginning of their marriage; for a new apartment; for a new job for Cody and for resolution in difficulties at work for Eseta

Christy Branche – relief from chronic headaches; preparation for college



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“Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone.”

Ephesians 2:20

Exalting the King & Extending His Kingdom

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