

Cornerstone Church PCA

The Lord's Day



September 16, 2018



Count it all joy, my brothers, when you face trials of many kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

James 1:2-3

A Service of Covenant Renewal Worship

A WELCOME 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. 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

Pastor: “The Lord be with you!”
Congregation: “And also with you!”

†**CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 63:1–5**

†**ENTRANCE SONG: “GOD OF WONDERS” (NEXT PAGE)**

CONFESSION OF SIN

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker all of things, Judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our many transgressions that we have committed against You. We admit our wrongdoing before You, even those sins that we cannot name and of which we are only dimly aware. Accept our repentance and have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Forgive us of all that is past, and grant that from now on we may serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

†**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

†**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!*

†**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

God Of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation
Of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy!
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy!
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth!

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!

Repeat Chorus

†RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: PSALM 9

- ¹ I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds!
- ² I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High!
- ³ When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before your presence.
- ⁴ For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.
- ⁵ You have rebuked the nations;
you have made the wicked perish;
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- ⁶ The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;
their cities you rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.
- ⁷ But the LORD sits enthroned forever;
He has established His throne for justice,
- ⁸ and He judges the world with righteousness;
He judges the peoples with uprightness.
- ⁹ The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble!
- ¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you!
- ¹¹ Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples His deeds!
- ¹² For He who avenges blood is mindful of them;
He does not forget the cry of the afflicted!
- ¹³ Be gracious to me, O Lord!
See my affliction from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,

- ¹⁴ that I may recount all your praises,
*that in the gates of the daughter Zion
I may rejoice in your salvation!*
- ¹⁵ The nations have sunk in the pit that they have made;
in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.
- ¹⁶ The LORD has made himself known; He has executed justice;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.
- ¹⁷ The wicked shall return to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.
- ¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever!
- ¹⁹ Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail!
Let the nations be judged before you!
- ²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD!
Let the nations know that they are but men!

†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!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Lamentations 3:19–33

New Testament: Epistle of James 1:1–8

Lamentations 3:19–33

- ¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!
- ²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.
- ²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
- ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness!
- ²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in Him.”
- ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
to the soul who seeks Him.
- ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
- ²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
- ²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
- ²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
- ³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
- ³¹ For the LORD will not
cast off forever,
- ³² but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion
according to the abundance of His steadfast love;
- ³³ for He does not afflict from His heart
or willingly grieve the children of men.

James 1:1-8

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the dispersion: Greetings!

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**SERMON – WES LAUVER,
“A Greater Grace:
True Joy in the Midst of Suffering”**

**COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
&
RESPONSE HYMN: “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL” (#691)**

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! My
 4. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; ev - en so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul!
 It is well with my soul,

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!*

THE LORD'S SUPPER*

*Communion is for baptized believers who are in good standing with their church (not under any church discipline) and are living consistent with their public profession of faith in Christ. The bread is gluten-free.

Grape juice is in the *outer* ring, and wine is in the *inner* rings.

Please wait to eat and drink together.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" (NEXT PAGE)

The Bread: verses 1–2

The Cup: verses 3–4

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God! All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 pre - sent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707

LM

MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

Pastor: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
 you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes!" (1 Cor. 11:26)

Congregation: "Amen! Come Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20)

† **COMMISSIONING SONG: "BLESSED BE YOUR NAME"**

† **COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say...

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be Your glorious name!

2. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name.
And blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name.

Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, blessed be Your name!"

Repeat Chorus 2x

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School begins at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings and finishes at 10:30 am. Brian Mumme leads the adult discussion in the study of Philippians. **Children** and **Young Adult Sunday Schools** are available 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 there is a conference line with a speaker phone. Contact Gary Butler for details.

All-Church Fellowship Lunch is today immediately after corporate worship. Please join us, whether you brought a meal or not. There's plenty to go around!

The **church newsletter** is regularly sent out by email each week. If you would like to receive it, please speak to the pastor or email at rcrouse@cornerstone-pca.org.

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

CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES

Sunday School

Adults (Brian Mumme)

Young Adults

Children

Monday Night Prayer Meeting (Gary Butler)

2nd Sunday Outreach (Barry Pitts)

All-Church Fellowship Lunch (Joycelyn Branscome)

Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tom Joseph)

Women's Ministry (Joycelyn Branscome)

PRAYER LIST

Becky Crouse – for a healthy pregnancy and health of the baby; for relief from nausea and sickness; for the family as they care for her

Tom Joseph – for healing and recovery from a broken fibula

Aaron Blood – for recovery from a broken collar bone and other injuries

Branche Family – for success in their opening a new store in Jupiter

Jamie & Catey Alburger – finding a new church home in Connecticut

Harry Castner & Family – for Harry's health and encouragement through difficult times

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 Barry as he cares for her

Jayme Sellards – for care for his father's health; transition at new job

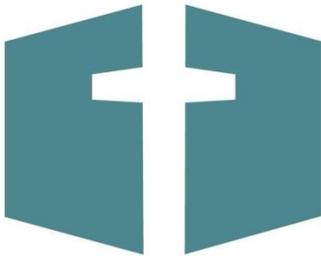
Brian Mumme – for care for his mother; for her to believe in Christ

Harry & Norma Bromilow – Harry's continued recovery from 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 and settling in their new home; for Cody's work 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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