

Cornerstone Church PCA

The Lord's Day



September 23, 2018



And he went up the mountain and called to those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed Twelve, whom he also named apostles.

Mark 3:13-14

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: 1 PETER 2:4–5, 9–10**

†**ENTRANCE SONG: “FOREVER” (NEXT PAGE)**

CONFESSION OF SIN

ALMIGHTY FATHER,

We enter Your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from You and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the ruin and sorrow we have caused from our sinful thoughts, our corrupt words, and our evil deeds. Deliver us from ourselves and our habits of sin. Heal our troubled conscience with the promise of Your grace, and grant us to walk worthy of the calling You have given us in Christ, for it is in His perfect sacrifice we take refuge. 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.

†**SONG OF ASCENT: “THE POWER OF THE CROSS” (NEXT PAGE)**

† Congregation stands as they are able

Forever

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

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
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus

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

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
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus 2x

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then,
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross!*

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry!

Chorus

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

Final Chorus (2X)

*This, the power of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross!*

†**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 the earth,
Your salvation among all nations!
- ³ May the peoples praise You, O God!
May 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 of the earth!
- ⁵ May the peoples praise You, O God!
May all the peoples praise You!
- ⁶ The earth yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us!
- ⁷ God shall bless us,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear Him!

†**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: Isaiah 49:1–7

New Testament: Mark 3:7–19 / Ephesians 2:11–20

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
and hear this, you peoples from afar!

The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother He named my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of His hand He hid me;

He made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver He hid me away.

³ And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified!”

⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my vindication is with the LORD,
and my reward is with my God.”

⁵ And now the LORD says,
He who formed me from the womb to be His servant,
to bring Jacob back to Him;
and that Israel might be gathered to Him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ He says: “It is too light a thing that you should be My servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;

I will make you as a light for the nations,
so that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see you and arise;
princes will see and bow down;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Ephesians 2:11–20

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from the Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

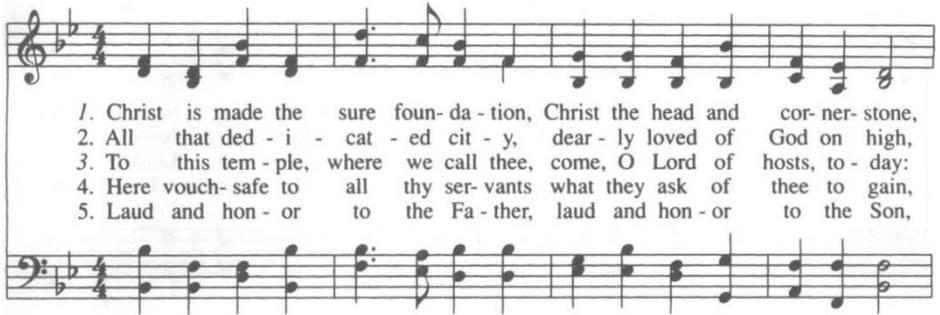
Mark 3:7–19

⁷ Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God!” ¹² And he strictly rebuked them not to make him known.

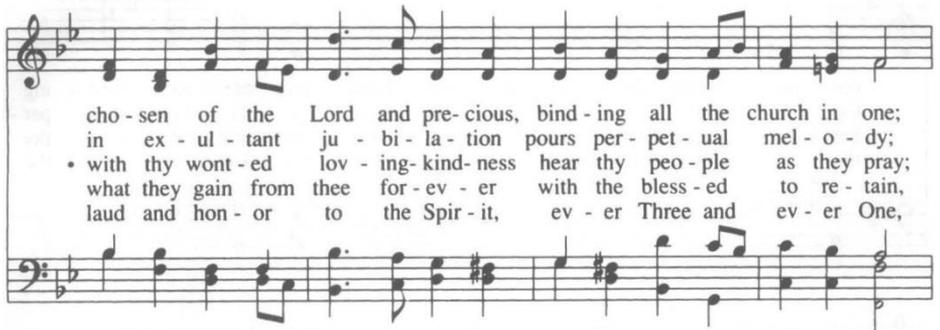
¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to himself those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed the Twelve (whom he also named ‘apostles’) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the Twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

SERMON – PASTOR ROBBIE CROUSE,
“Forming the New Israel:
The Disciple-Making Community of the Messiah’s Disciples”

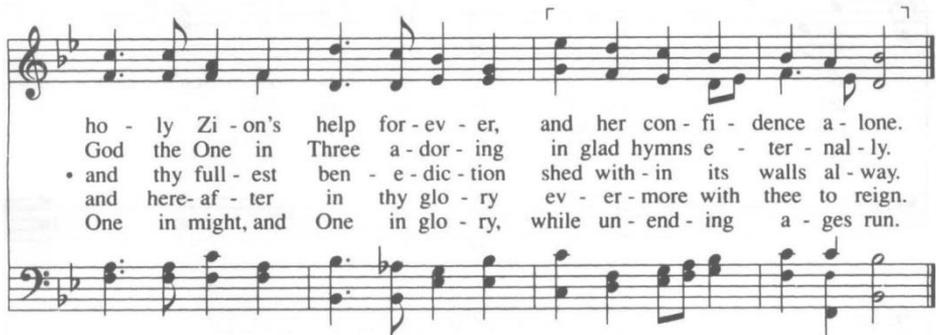
COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
&
RESPONSE HYMN: “CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION” (#342)



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
 2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,
 5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,



cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
 in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-u-al mel-o-dy;
 • with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;
 what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,
 laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,



ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
 God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
 • and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
 and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.
 One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

O Mighty God, who did send Your Son to be the Savior of the world: Make Your salvation known to the ends of the earth, that in every place Your name shall be worshipped and glorified.

O Lord, send forth Your light and Your truth!

O Everlasting Father, who rules over the nations through Jesus Christ ascended on high, we pray for countries in unrest and for all people who live in turmoil and distress—for those in plague, famine, and war. We pray Your loving will would have sway in every land and let godly prosperity be spread over all.

O Lord, grant peace and safety in the world!

O God, Lord of Hosts, who sent Your Son to be the King of Kings and the Prince of Peace: Grant that all the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord, and learn of Him the way of peace and righteousness. Humble all oppressors, bring them to submission in Christ our Savior, and win them to the gospel of grace.

O Lord, rule in the midst of Your enemies!

O Great Shepherd of the Sheep, who tends to all His lambs, be with all who profess the name of Christian, scattered through this world, we pray. Be especially for Your people who suffer persecution and who are in prison. For our brothers and sisters who are oppressed and suffering for Christ's sake: comfort them, strengthen them, and give them faith to testify to You in their trials and afflictions.

O Lord, watch over Your people!

O Merciful Savior, who is God with us, stir all people continually with the spirit of unity and concord. Let those who are offended forgive, and those who have offended repent, so that Your children may live as one family, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, purify us and strengthen Your Church!

O God of life, who is an ever present help in trouble, we humbly ask You to be favorable unto our land; and to the President of the United States and all others in authority, that it may please You so to rule their hearts that they may rightly use the trust committed to them for the good of all the people. Protect the weak, uplift the despairing, provide for the fatherless, defend the poor, and take care of the helpless.

O Lord, let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream!

O God of all mercies, who gives graciously all things, we pray for our elders and all servants of the gospel, that they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and sacraments. To them give wisdom of the Spirit to guide and direct the church of Jesus Christ.

O Lord, encourage the leaders of our faith!

Holy and infinite Father, who has redeemed us to be a blessing, we pray for this our congregation of saints gathered before You. Inspire us by the Spirit so that all we do we may glorify You. Increase our company for those who call on You and add to us more sinners who will praise the mercy of Christ. Grant us success in our witness and give us favor with all who need the hope of the gospel.

O Lord, give us fellowship in the power of Christ!

O Loving Redeemer, who numbers the hairs on our head, we pray for those among us who need You now, especially . . .

And to all Your people grant a message of Your love, taking them into Your tender care.

O Lord, remember us in Your lovingkindness!

We bring to You, Lord, all these petitions, and many more unspoken, offering them to You in and through Your Spirit in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, praying as He taught us to pray:

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: "TAKE MY LIFE & LET IT BE" (#585)**

†**COMMISSION & BLESSING**

Take My Life

1. Take my life, and let it be con-se-cra-ted, Lord, to
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of Thy
3. Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on-ly for my
4. Take my sil-ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-
5. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no long-er
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treas-ure

Thee. Take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in
love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti-
King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with mes-sa-
hold. Take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-'ry pow'r as
mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy
store; take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly,

cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
ful for Thee, swift and beau-ti-ful for Thee.
ges from Thee, filled with mes-sa-ges from Thee.
Thou shalt choose, ev-'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
roy-al throne, it shall be Thy roy-al throne.
all for Thee, ev-er, on-ly, all for Thee.

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.

Check out our **new website!** www.cornerstone-pca.org. We have all our sermon audio there, so feel free to catch up on past sermon series. We also have info such as our mission and vision statements, our denomination and beliefs, our church leadership, our outlook on worship, baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Share it with your friends!

*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

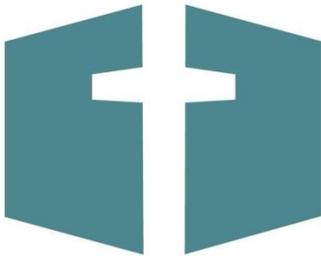
Brian Mumme – for care for his mother; for her to believe in Christ

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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