

Order of Worship

January 14, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us!

People: Come! Let us celebrate the festival!

(Psalm 46:1, 124:8, 145:9, 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,
And gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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Scripture Reading

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. You shall be blessed above all peoples. (Deuteronomy 7:6–14 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

*Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth. (Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name. (Chorus)

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Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Speak, O Lord"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: Count Your Blessings"

Romans 9:1-6a

Song of Preparation

Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

*Chorus: O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*

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Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated 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.

*Christ was buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day (WLC #50)
**catholic means the universal, world-wide church

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Please hold the elements so we can take them individually and corporately.
Please feel free to pray, sing or quietly meditate as the elements are passed.
Gluten-free bread is available, please let the elders know as they pass the bread.
Children and guests who have not made a personal profession of faith in Christ and have not become a communing member of this (or some other) church are welcome to stay and watch but please do not partake. (1 Corinthians 11:23-30)*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up. *(Chorus)*

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *(Chorus)*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the faithful one,
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. *(Chorus)*

*"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
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Song of Response

Doxology

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.

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Benediction

Speak, O Lord

*Speak O Lord as we come to You / To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth plant it deep in us / Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today / In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us / All Your purposes for Your glory.*

*Teach us Lord full obedience, / Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes / In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise / Cause our eyes to see.
Your majestic love and authority / Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak O Lord and renew our minds / Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us,
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time / That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises / And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak O Lord till Your church is built / And the earth is filled with Your glory.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We're glad you're here! If you'd like more information about our church and its ministries, please fill out the "Connect Card" and visit our website. Another great way to connect is through Sunday School. There are classes for all ages at 9:45 am.

Connect Cards - Please take a "Connect Card" from the chair pocket in front of you, fill out one per family, and place it in the offering plate.

Women's Ministry Bible Studies - Tuesdays for 10 weeks from 9:15-11:30 am in the FLC beginning this Tuesday. Monday and Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks from 7-8 pm, location in homes. For additional details and to register, please visit www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scroll down to "Upcoming Events".

Communicants Class - Begins today. Contact Pastor Brian.

New Members Class - January 28-March 3 during the Sunday School hour. If you're interested in becoming a member or learning more about Cornerstone, please email office@cornerstonehuntsville.org to sign up.

Foundations - Begins Wednesday, January 31. More details to follow.

2024 Men's Retreat - Men, please join us on February 23-24 at Alpine Camp in Mentone, AL. This year's theme is "UNDIVIDED: The Heart of Christian Manhood" with guest speaker Nathan Eldridge, Executive Director of Vantage Leadership. The cost is \$60/person. For more details and to register, please visit www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scroll down to "Upcoming Events".

Save the Date! - VBS Olympion 2024, June 3-6. More details to follow.

Yakama Summer Mission Trip - A team is forming to go back on June 1-8, 2024. If interested, please contact frank.cohee@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Diana Akridge, Susan Dupré, Bryan Gassaway, Kyle Mosier, Randy Petcher, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, Bonnie Stock, Mike and Carol Wellfare, and Mark and Robbie Kimbrough.

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, and Earl Myers.

Pray for our homebound friends - Ruby Petcher and Betty Baldwin.

Pray for our expectant mothers -Lauren Hudgins (February), Rebecca Nunley (April), Olivia Hitt (June), and the McMillan adoption.

Praise God for the birth of Luke Alexander Morrow, born to Alex and Rachel on January 9, grandson of David and Gail Kimrey.

Pray for students and leaders going to the Presbytery Youth Retreat next weekend.

Pray for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Scottsboro, AL (Rev. Dieter Paulson) and First Presbyterian Church, Tuscumbia, AL (Dr. Randy E. Thompson).

**The Lord's Day
January 14, 2024**