

Order of Worship

January 8, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. (Isaiah 61:10 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

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched

Weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus, ready, stands to save you / Full of pity, joined with power.

He is able, He is able; / He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome

God's free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh.

Without money, without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden

Bruised and broken by the fall;

If you tarry 'til you're better / You will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended

Pleads the merit of His blood.

Venture on Him; venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good.

"Come Ye Sinners" | Words Joseph Hart
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Scripture Reading

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

(Galatians 3:21-29 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock I stand

All other ground is sinking sand.

All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face

I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*

His oath, His covenant, His blood

Support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way

He then is all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne. *(Refrain)*

"The Solid Rock" | Edward Mote | William Batchel

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: Alien Righteousness"

Romans 3:21-26

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Song of Preparation

The Gospel Song

Holy God, in love, became

Perfect man to bear my blame.

On the cross He took my sin;

By His death I live again.

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Corporate Profession of Faith: The Apostle's 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 public 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)

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.

*Chorus: Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. (*Chorus*)

For nothing good have I where-by Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb. (*Chorus*)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat. (*Chorus*)

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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.

*"Doxology"
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Benediction

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound/That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found/Was blind but now I see.*

*Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear/And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear/The hour I first believed.*

*Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace.*

*The Lord has promised good to me/His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be/As long as life endures.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow/The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below/Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine/You are forever mine.*

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would 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 9:45am.

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

Joni and Friends Family Retreat - We're returning to Camp McDowell June 25-30.

Interested in joining this year's team? Email Paige at paige@cornerstonehuntsville.org
Join the Yakama Team! - Cornerstone is sending a team to serve our missional partner, Sacred Road Ministries, from July 15-22. Would you like to join the team? Email office@cornerstonehuntsville.org for more information.

Women's Ministry: (*email heidi@cornerstonehuntsville.org with questions*)

- **Women's Bible Study Opportunities** - Tuesday morning and evening studies will begin January 17th. The deadline to sign up for the Tuesday evening study is January 10th. Our Wednesday evening FOUNDATIONS study will begin on January 25th. Please see this week's email or the newsletter for study information and registration links.
- **Monthly Prayer Time** - Thursday, January 19th, at 10am at the church. Email Elena Lewis at bruce.lewis.family@juno.com with prayer requests or questions.
- **Playdate Meetup** - Moms and kids please join us for our first monthly play time at Altitude Trampoline Park on University Drive on Monday, January 23rd, at 10am. Email ashley.h.colette@gmail.com for more information.
- **Women's Conference** - Join us, and other women from our presbytery, on January 27th & 28th at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Huntsville for teaching and discussion led by Paula Miles on "Thinking Biblically and Living Covenantally." For more information and sign up go to eventbrite.com/e/457098161907

Cornerstone Men's Retreat - Calling all men 18 and up, join us for a winter retreat on *Spiritual Leadership in the Home, at Work, and in the Church*. The retreat will be held February 24-25 at the Vision Retreat Center. Registration begins next week!

FOUNDATIONS - Resumes Wednesday, January 25th. Join us for a meal at 5:30pm and afterwards discipleship opportunities for all ages will be from 6:15 to 7:15pm. A nursery will be provided.

Abounding - Visit cornerstoneabounding.org to learn more about the Abounding initiative.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Bryan Gassaway, Rick McCann, Randy Petcher, Mike Bayless, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, and Kyle Mosier.

Pray for healing - Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Wendorfs, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Lauren Davenport, Sharon Ibsen, and Bob Boerner.

Pray for our nursing home resident - Ruby Petcher

Pray for our expectant mothers - Amy Eckenrode (July) and the Kawell adoption.

Pray that the Lord would raise up an assistant pastor to serve at Cornerstone.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Manna House and Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Payne, AL (Pastor Dave Latham).

**The Lord's Day
January 8, 2023**