

Order of Worship
February 4, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;
People: For the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:
People: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.
Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.
ALL: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 12:2-6 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

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)

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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior’s name.
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame.
He has washed us with His blood (x3)
He has brought us nigh to God.
Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood (x3)
He presents our souls to God.
Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy’s store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He Who washed us with His blood (x3)
Has secured our way to God.
Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (x3)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

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Scripture Reading

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

(1 Peter 2:4-12 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.
People: Thanks be to God!

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Missions Moment Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)
Dr. Wendy Kirk, Director of HAP

Pastoral Prayer Rev. John Summers, Assistant Pastor

Offertory “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Preaching of the Word Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor
“The Gospel of God: Same Ole Gospel!” Romans 9:30-10:21

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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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross/On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss/And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast/Save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most/I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet/Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet/Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine/That were an off’ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine/Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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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.
Communion - Communion will be held next Sunday, February 11th.
Creative Arts Ministry - Creative Arts Ministry continues on Tuesday mornings around 11:30 am in the FLC after the ladies’ Bible study ends. For questions, contact Susan Dolan at sdolan73@aol.com.
New Members Class - Continues today 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 Spring 2024 - Continues this Wednesday, February 7th from 5:45-7:15 pm in the FLC. There will be food, fellowship, and discipleship opportunities for children, students, and adults.
2024 Men’s Retreat - Men, please join us on February 23-24 at Alpine Camp in Mentone, AL. For more details and to register, please our website.
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. If interested, please contact frank.cohee@gmail.com.
Joni & Friends Family Camp - June 23-28. Contact Pastor Brian at brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org to register.

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, Georgia Paulson, Earl Myers, Gayle Ricks, Brian Sommers, Craig Martin, Miyon Evans, Paul Wendorf, and those suffering.
Pray for our homebound friends - Ruby Petcher and Betty Baldwin.
Pray for our expectant mothers - Rebecca Nunley (April), Olivia Hitt (June), and the McMillan adoption.
Pray for ongoing construction and renovation projects.
Pray for the Lord to raise up a female Student Ministry Coordinator.
Pray for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.
Pray for our Missional Partnerships - All Saints Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Matt Patrick) and Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Payne, AL (Pastor Dave Latham).

The Lord’s Day
February 4, 2024