

Order of Worship
February 12, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

No unbelief made [Abraham] waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

(Romans 4:20-21 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

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

(Romans 4:1-15 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

Mike Honeywell, Elder

Offertory

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

“The Gospel of God: An Illustration of Justification by Faith” Romans 4:1-25

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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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Drew Jones © 2002 Sovereign Grace

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)

We Will Feast In The House of Zion (Communion Hymn)

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

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.
New Members Class - Continues today, during the Sunday School hour, in the Family Life Center. This is an opportunity to learn more about Cornerstone and to pursue membership. Join us, even if you haven’t registered.
FOUNDATIONS - Join us for a meal on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. Afterwards discipleship opportunities for all ages are offered from 6:15 to 7:15pm. A nursery is provided. RSVP at cornerstonehuntsville.org/foundations or scan the QR code below to register.
Cornerstone Softball - If you are interested in playing on a church softball team this spring, please reach out to Paul McKelvey for more information at (205) 960-4009. Men and women needed!
Mom & Kids Playdate - Monday, February 13, from 12pm-2pm, at High Point Climbing Gym. Email ashley.h.colette@gmail.com for more information.
Men’s Retreat - Join us to discuss *Spiritual Leadership in the Home, at Work, and in the Church* on February 24-25 at the Vision Retreat Center. Register at cornerstonehuntsville.org/events. Deadline for registration is Sunday, February 19th.
RYM - For students 8th grade and up, RYM conference (July10-15) registration is open. Please email brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org to sign up and receive registration link.
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, Kyle Mosier, and Susan Dupré.
Pray for healing - Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Wendorfs, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Bob Boerner, Beverly Park, and Elena Lewis.
Pray for our nursing home resident - Ruby Petcher
Pray for our expectant mothers - Amy Eckenrode (July), Andrea Mace (July), Ashley Colette (August), Christina Hall (August), and the Kawell adoption.
Pray for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
Pray that the Lord would raise up an assistant pastor to serve at Cornerstone.
Pray for our Missional Partnerships - All Saints Presbyterian Church in West Huntsville (Pastor Matt Patrick) and Village Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Alex Shipman).

The Lord’s Day
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