

Order of Worship

October 29, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (Romans 8:26 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Pastor: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

ALL: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:33-36 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sa-ba-oth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
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Scripture Reading

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (John 14:15-26 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace.

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Missions Moment

Brent Miller, YWAM (Queretaro, Mexico)

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Butler, Elder

Offertory

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

The Gospel of God: Help in Prayer

Romans 8:26-27

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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

Westminster Shorter Catechism 96

Pastor: What is the Lord's Supper?

ALL: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

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)

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is His new creation by water and the Word.

From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;

With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation yet one over all the earth;

Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;

One holy Name she blesses partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,

She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;

'Til, with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,

And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One

And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy, Lord gives us grace that we

Like them the meek and lowly on high may dwell with Thee.

"The Church's One Foundation"

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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

Sermon Notes:

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.

Daylight Savings Time- Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening!

FOUNDATIONS - Will conclude for the fall this Wednesday from 5:45-7:15 pm in the Family Life Center. Any and all are welcome to join. For more information, please visit cornerstonehuntsville.org/foundations.

Baby Shower - The Women's Ministry is hosting a baby shower for two expectant mothers on Sunday, November 5th from 2-4 pm in the Family Life Center. To RSVP, please email Shelby Hundscheid at hundscheids@gmail.com.

Senior High Sunday Night Fellowship - High school students, please join us on November 5th from 7-8:30 pm at the Shorters' home for a time of fellowship.

Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch- Sunday, November 19th. More details to come soon!

Roots Winter Retreat - The Roots Winter Retreat is January 19-21st and is for 6th-12th grade at Camp Toknowhim. It will be a great time of fellowship, hearing the Word, and worship. To register, visit www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news.

Restrooms Closed - For the next few Sundays, the restrooms on the 2nd floor, west end near adult Sunday School will be closed due to renovations. Please use the single restrooms on the 2nd floor or the restrooms in the FLC.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, Matthew Lawrence, Abby Reese Wren, Gary Abernathy, Kendall Junen, Jack Trotter, Kelly Davenport, Palmer Summers, Loren De Jong, Kevin McClure, and Elizabeth Shorter.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Olivia Clemons (January) and Lauren Hudgins (February).

Pray for our transition time during construction.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Alabama Church Planting Network (Rev. Jeph Guinan) and Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Payne, AL (Rev. Dave Latham).

**The Lord's Day
October 29, 2023**