

Order of Worship  
November 13, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:16–17 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

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.  
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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

Scripture Reading: Corporate Confession of Sin

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!  
People: Good and upright is the LORD, therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.  
People: For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. (Psalm 25:6-11;16-18 ESV)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14 ESV)  
Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.  
People: Thanks be to God!

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

“Thy Mercy My God” \John Stocker | Sandra McCracken | Words: Public Domain

Pastoral Prayer

John Bise, Elder

Offertory

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

“The Gospel of God: What is Justification?” Romans 3:1-20  
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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.

“The Gospel Song”\Bob Kauflin and 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)

There Is A Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its pow’r;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

William Cowper/ Lowell Mason

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

Beneath The Cross Of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus/I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock/Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness/A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat/ And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus/Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One/Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears/Two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love/ And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow/For my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than/The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by/To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame/My glory, all the cross.

“Beneath The Cross Of Jesus” | Christopher Miner | Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane

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.  
**Called Congregational Meeting** - The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, November 20th, at 9:45am**, at the beginning of the Sunday School hour. The purpose of the meeting is for the congregation to vote on the release of the Abounding funds to use at 1413 McClung Ave. for capital improvements and long-term master planning.  
**FOUNDATIONS** - This Wednesday will be the last time we meet this Fall, but we will resume in the New Year. Thanksgiving meal and fellowship will start at 5:30pm. Discipleship opportunities for all ages are from 6:15 to 7:15pm. RSVP at [cornerstonehuntsville.org/foundations](http://cornerstonehuntsville.org/foundations) or scan the QR code below to register.  
**Women’s Ministry** - Manna House “Gently Loved Shoe Drive” through this Tuesday, November 16th. The collection container is located in the Gathering Room.  
**Women’s Prayer Time** - Thursday, November 17th, at 10am, at the church. Email Elena Lewis at [bruce.lewis.family@juno.com](mailto:bruce.lewis.family@juno.com) with prayer requests.  
**InFocus Ministry** - InFocus is looking to connect international students from UAH with local families for Thanksgiving. If you are interested in hosting one or more students this Thanksgiving, please email Harold Bryer at [sheprest@hotmail.com](mailto:sheprest@hotmail.com). Contact Seth Waldecker, at [seth@paradigms.net](mailto:seth@paradigms.net), with questions about the program.  
**Children’s Advent Party** - Join us Saturday, December 3rd, from 10am-12pm in the FLC. Email Mrs. Paige at [paige@cornerstonehuntsville.org](mailto:paige@cornerstonehuntsville.org) with questions or to volunteer to help.  
**Join the Good News Club Team** - Cornerstone is forming a team to launch a GNC at Blossomwood elementary. More information and sign up is located in the lobby!

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** - April DeJong, Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Berin Wendorf, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Lauren Davenport, Sharon Ibsen, Farris Powell, Sam Trotter, Jack Trotter, and Kara Beth McClure.  
**Pray** for our church staff.  
**Pray for our nursing home resident** - Ruby Petcher  
**Pray for our expectant mothers** - Hillary Hornor (November) and Kawell (adoption).  
**Pray** that the Lord would raise up an assistant pastor to serve at Cornerstone.  
**Pray for our Missional Partnerships** - Friends Serving in Western Europe and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Joe Steele).

The Lord’s Day  
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