

Order of Worship

November 19, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

It is God who justifies.

(Romans 8:33b ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: To him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: To him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: To him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: To him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: The sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: The moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: And rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: He who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever! *(Psalms 136:1-9, 22-26 ESV)*

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing/Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing/Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet/Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it/Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer/Hither by Thy help I've come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure/Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger/Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger/Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor/Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now like a fetter/Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it/Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it/Seal it for Thy courts above.

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
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Scripture Reading

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:35-40 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed thy hand hath provided—

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Chorus)*

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | Lyrics: Thomas Obediah Chisholm |
Music: William Marion Runyan | Public Domain*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Brian Russ, Associate Pastor

Offertory

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: Thankful for Gospel Blessings!"

Romans 8:33-36

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Interlude

Ordination and Installation

Mr. John Summers as Assistant Pastor

(8:30 am service)

Explanation: TE Wilson Shirley (Cornerstone, Huntsville)

Questions to the Pastor & the Session: TE Wilson Shirley (Cornerstone, Huntsville).

Laying On of Hands and Prayer of the Elders: RE Shep Park & RE Michael Butler (Cornerstone, Huntsville)

The Right Hand of Fellowship

The Pronouncement: TE Wilson Shirley (Cornerstone, Huntsville)

Charge to the Pastor: TE Brian Russ (Cornerstone, Huntsville)

Charge to the Session: TE Jim Simoneau (Providence Presbytery)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: RE Nat Causey (Westminster, Huntsville)

Hymn of Response

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Old 100th)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed:
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Oh know the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

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.

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Old 100th)"

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Benediction

Rev. John Summers, Assistant Pastor

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.

Women's Ministry Events - *For more information and to sign up, please visit www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scroll down to "Upcoming Events".*

Jesse Tree Christmas Party - Ladies (college-aged and older), please join us on Sunday, November 26th from 4-5:30 pm as we enjoy an ornament exchange with cookies and cocoa! This event requires 25 women to make 25 of the same ornament and there are plenty of ornaments remaining. You can sign up for more than one! Please consider asking a special friend, neighbor, or family member to sign up with you. For additional details, please visit our website.

Cornerstone College Exam Boxes - Parents, please pick up your students' college boxes today or next week in the FLC lobby.

Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch - Please join us today at noon after the second service for our Thanksgiving potluck lunch in the FLC.

Thanksgiving for International Students - If you are interested in hosting one or more international students from UAH this Thanksgiving with InFocus, please email Harold Bryer at sheprest@hotmail.com. For more information, you can contact Seth Waldecker at seth@paradigms.net.

Christmas Giving Announcement - This year, we are partnering with Sacred Road and Joni & Friends to assist them with Christmas donations. Please take an ornament from the tree in the lobby and follow the instructions. The gifts to Sacred Road will be financial gifts and there will be a collection box for the Joni & Friends gifts available until December 10.

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, and Mike and Carol Wellfare.

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, Abby Reese Wren, Loren and April De Jong, Earl Myers, and David Zimmerman.

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 peace in Israel and Ukraine.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Providence Presbytery and Southwood Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Rev. Will Spink).

**The Lord's Day
November 19, 2023**