

Order of Worship

November 26, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

ALL: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing/My great Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King/The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God/ Assist me to proclaim;
To spread through all the earth abroad/The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears/That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears/'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin/He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean/His blood availed for me.

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"
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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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Scripture Reading

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

(John 10:22-30 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! (Chorus)

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Ministry Moment

Advent at Cornerstone

Pastoral Prayer

John Summers, Assistant Pastor

Offertory

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: More Than Conquerors"

Romans 8:37-39

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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

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 only), please join us today from 4-5:30 pm as we enjoy an ornament exchange with cookies and cocoa! Location and other details can be found on our website or by contacting Heidi Honeywell at heidi@cornerstonehuntsville.org.

Ladies Prayer Meeting - Friday, December 1st at 10 am in the FLC. Please send prayer requests to Elena Lewis.

Youth Bonfire - Sunday, December 3rd from 3-7 pm at the Wendorfs' house.

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.

Cornerstone Christmas Events

Children's Ministry "Deck the Halls" - Saturday, December 2nd from 10 - noon

First Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 3rd

Youth Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 13th at 6 pm in the FLC

Christmas Brunch - Sunday, December 17th in the FLC during Sunday School

Joni & Friends Caroling Event and Gift Delivery - Sunday, December 17th

Christmas Eve Morning Service - Sunday, December 24th at 10 am

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service - Sunday, December 24th at 5 pm

New Year's Eve Morning Service - Sunday, December 31st at 10 am

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 - Adair Evans (Missionary to Germany) and Valley Presbyterian Church, Madison, AL (Rev. William Plott).

**The Lord's Day
November 26, 2023**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go/I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe/That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way/I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray/That in Thy sunshines blaze its day
May brighter fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain/I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain/And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head/I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead/And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"
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