

Order of Worship

December 4, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Bethlehem Candle

Luke 1:26-33

Preparation for Worship

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.”

(Luke 1:68-69 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people,

People: And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

Pastor: As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

People: To show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,

Pastor: To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

ALL: Praise the Lord! *(Luke 1:68-75 ESV)*

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory / Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story / Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*(Chorus) Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding / Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing / Yonder shines the infant light.

Sages, leave your contemplations / Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations / Ye have seen his natal star.

All creation join in praising / God the Father, Spirit, Son
Evermore your voices raising / To the eternal Three in One.

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Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise! Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth. Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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Scripture Reading

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him. *(Luke 1:57-66 ESV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises / Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness / Now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ who condescended / Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / He the perfect Son of Man,
In His living, in His suff'ring / Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam / Come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment / Of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners / Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption / See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory / Grace unmeasured love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him / Praise the Lord He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance / How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected / As we will be when He comes.

*Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleecker
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Reception of New Members

<i>Amanda Akridge</i>	<i>Zeljko, Daniela, Luka, Vito, and Igor Basurovic</i>
<i>Bill and Suzi Bolton</i>	<i>Pete and Suzann Dolan</i>
<i>Melinda Downey</i>	<i>Andy and Lauren Durr</i>
<i>Greg and Debbie Hill</i>	<i>Mark and Robbie Kimbrough</i>
<i>Timothy Marshall</i>	<i>Marty, Mary Claire, and Georgia Paulson</i>
<i>Micki Smith</i>	

Membership Vows:

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?*
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?*
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?*
- 4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*
- 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

Sacrament of Baptism

*Timothy Marshall
(1st Service)*

*Rosemary Anne Hundscheid
Daughter of Richard and Sage Hundscheid
(2nd Service)*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

“Is He Worthy?”

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

“REJOICE! Zechariah’s Song”

Luke 1:67-79

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Song of Response

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen/Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour/Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r/When we were gone astray.

(Chorus) O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father/A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds/Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born/The Son of God by name.

Fear not then said the angel/Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour/Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him/From Satan’s pow’r and might.

The shepherds at those tidings/Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks feeding/In tempest, storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway/The Son of God to find.

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” | Public Domain

Benediction

Is He Worthy?

*Do you feel the world is broken - We do/Do you feel the shadows deepen - We do
But do you know that all the dark/Won’t stop the light from getting through - We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new - We do*

*Is all creation groaning - It is/Is a new creation coming - It is
Is the glory of the Lord/To be the light within our midst - It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this - It is*

*Is anyone worthy/is anyone whole/Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy/Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory/Is He worthy of this - He is!*

*Does the Father truly love us - He does/Does the Spirit move among us - He does
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves - He does /
Does our God intend to dwell again with us - He does*

*Is anyone worthy/Is anyone whole/Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave/He is David’s Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev’ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy / Is He worthy/Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy /Is He worthy/is He worthy of this - He is*

“Is He Worthy?” | Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive
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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.

Communion - We will observe communion next Sunday, December 11th.

Chrismons - Our tree is decorated with Chrismon Ornaments, which are monograms of Christ, as well as Christian historical symbols, that tell of God’s plan for our salvation. Thank you to the ladies who joyfully helped make the Chrismons!

Christmas Poinsettias - If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the enclosed bulletin insert.

Little Lincoln Village Giving Tree - Ornaments for Lincoln Village preschool children are available on the Christmas tree in the foyer. All gifts should be returned, UNWRAPPED, no later than Sunday, December 11th. You can sign up for needed items online at signupgenius.com/go/5080a4babac2ba02-little

Cornerstone Christmas Events:

Group Home Caroling - In partnership with Joni and Friends Christmas Deliveries ministry, we will be delivering gifts and caroling at a local group home on Friday, December 9th. Meet at the church at 5:15pm and we will drive together to the group home. Optional dinner afterwards for whoever wants to stay. Families welcome!

Youth Christmas Party - Sunday, December 11th from 5-7pm in the FLC.

Christmas Brunch - Sunday, December 18th in the FLC during the Sunday School hour. Sign up to bring something at perfectpotluck.com/LZHV9094

Christmas Eve Services - Saturday December 24th at 4pm and 5:30pm.

Christmas Day Service - Sunday, December 25th, at 11am only.

Summer Mission Trip Interest Meeting - Join us Sunday, December 11th, at 9:45am at the beginning of the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary to learn more about mission trip opportunities this coming summer. If you are unable to attend, please contact the church office for more information. There are two opportunities:

- Joni and Friends Family Retreat (open to families), June 25-30, 2023
- Yakama (13 and up), July 15-22, 2023

Roots Retreat - Students, please join us January 20-22, 2023 at Camp ToKnow Him for a weekend of Christ-filled fellowship and discipleship. The deadline to register is December 18th. Email Pastor Brian with questions at brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org

Abounding - Visit cornerstoneabounding.org to learn more about the Abounding initiative. Please consider turning in a commitment card by December 18th.

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, Bob Boerner, and David Kimrey.

Pray for our nursing home resident - Ruby Petcher

Pray for our expectant mothers - The Kawell adoption.

Praise for the birth of Georgia Hart Hornor! Proud parents are Stewart and Hillary Hornor.

Pray that the Lord would raise up an assistant pastor to serve at Cornerstone.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - 60 Feet of Uganda (Ava Weeks) and Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, AL (Pastor Scott Phillips).



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DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zechariah’s Song

LUKE 1:67-79