

Order of Worship

September 24, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Colossians 3:1-2 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of Days

Almighty victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.

Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above,

Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life Thou livest the True Life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render; O help us to see,

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
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Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God / The Father of our Lord;

In Christ He has in heav'nly realms / His blessings on us poured.

For pure and blameless in His sight / He destined us to be,

And now we've been adopted through / His Son eternally.

*Chorus: To the praise of Your glory / To the praise of Your mercy and grace;
To the praise of Your glory / You are the God who saves!*

Come praise and glorify our God / Who gives His grace in Christ;

In Him our sins are washed away / Redeemed through sacrifice.

In Him God has made known to us / The myst'ry of His will,

That Christ should be the head of all / His purpose to fulfill. (Chorus)

Come praise and glorify our God / For we've believed the Word,

And through our faith we have a seal / The Spirit of the Lord.

The Spirit guarantees our hope / Until redemption's done;

Until we join in endless praise / To God the Three in One. (Chorus)

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Scripture Reading

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 2:6-16 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision / O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me / Save that Thou art.

Thou my best thought / By day or by night;

Waking or sleeping / Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom / And Thou my true Word;

I ever with Thee / And Thou with me Lord.

Thou my great Father / And I Thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling / And I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not / Nor man's empty praise,

Thou mine Inheritance / Now and always:

Thou and Thou only / First in my heart,

High King of heaven / My Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven / My victory won;

May I reach heaven's joys / O bright heaven's Sun.

Heart of my own heart / Whatever befall;

Still be my vision / O Ruler of all.

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Reception of New Members

Anslee Culpepper

Hunter and Lauren Hudgins

Matthew and Kerry McMillian

Paul McNeely

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?*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

The Gospel of God: The Christian Mindset

Romans 8:5-8

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Song of Response

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

May the peace of God, my Father
Rule my life in everything.
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing
This is victory.

May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

"May The Mind of Christ My Savior"
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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 in the offering plate.

Name Tags - Extra name tags have been placed in the FLC lobby and Sunday School rooms for your convenience. Please put one on and greet your neighbor.

Scripture Memory Cards - There are free scripture memory cards available for you at the front desk of the FLC lobby.

Senior High Fellowship Night - High school students, please join us for a fun night of fellowship on Sunday, October 1st from 7-8:30 pm at the Winebreners' home.

Youth Hike - Youth and families, please join us for a hike on Sunday, October 8th from 3-6 pm at the YACC Pavilion at Monte Sano State Park.

Creative Arts Ministry - Join us Tuesday mornings in the Family Life Center after the women's bible study ends around 11:30 am. No experience necessary! Contact Suzann Dolan at sdolan73@aol.com for more information.

Benevolence - If you are in need of financial assistance or other needs due to hardship, please see a deacon or contact needs@cornerstonehuntsville.org

Ministry Opportunity - Interested in reaching out to our church members who need help with minor home improvements or repairs? If so, contact David Hoover at ddhoover53@gmail.com for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Abby Reese Wren, Gary Abernathy, Susie Shelton, Kendall Junen, and Kelly Davenport.

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

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

Praise God for the birth of Warren James Bray, born on September 18th to James and Melanie Bray.

Pray for our transition time during construction.

Pray for our children's ministry leaders.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Alex and Suzanne Sarran (Missionaries to France) and Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, AL (Pastor Scott Phillips).

**The Lord's Day
September 24, 2023**