

# Order of Worship

## January 1, 2023

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

*And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.* (Luke 2:40 ESV)

### Call to Worship

**Pastor:** Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

**People:** **Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

**Pastor:** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**People:** **Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

**Pastor:** Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**ALL:** **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!** (Psalm 150:1–6 ESV)

### Invocation

### Praise and Adoration

#### Come Christians Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing/ Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King/ Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice/ Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice/ Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high/ Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky/ Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend/ To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end/ Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again/ Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain/ Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore/ His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore/ Alleluia! Amen!

"Come Christians Join To Sing"  
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### Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature

O Thou of God and man the Son!

Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor

Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,

And all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be thine.

"Fairest Lord Jesus"  
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### Scripture Reading

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9 ESV)

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the LORD.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### 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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### Corporate Confession of Sin

**ALL:** **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

(Romans 8:1 ESV)

## Pastoral Prayer

## Offertory

## Preaching of the Word

*Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor*

*“Growing Like Jesus”*

*Luke 2:39-40*

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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.

*“Doxology”  
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## Benediction

## 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, January 8th.

**Sunday School** - No Sunday school today, but we will resume meeting on Sunday, January 8th.

**Women’s Bible Study** - Join us beginning Tuesday, January 17th, as we resume our study of Exodus (Chapters 19-40) using Jen Wilkin’s God of Freedom material. Please see this week’s communication regarding instructions for registration and book orders. Stay tuned for more information about FOUNDATIONS Wednesday night bible study.

**FOUNDATIONS** - Resumes Wednesday, January 25th. Join us for a meal at 5:30pm and afterwards discipleship opportunities for all ages will be from 6:15 to 7:15pm. A nursery will be provided.

**Youth Roots Retreat** - January 20-22 at Camp ToKnow Him. Please email Pastor Brian with questions at [brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org](mailto:brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org)

**Men’s Ministry** - Save the Date for Men’s Retreat at the Vision February 24-25. Registration coming soon.

**Abounding** - Visit [cornerstoneabounding.org](http://cornerstoneabounding.org) to learn more about the Abounding initiative.

**Join the Good News Club Team** - Cornerstone is forming a team to launch a GNC at Blossomwood elementary. Information and sign up is located in the gathering room!

## 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** - Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Wendorfs, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Lauren Davenport, Sharon Ibsen, and Bob Boerner.

**Pray for our nursing home resident** - Ruby Petcher

**Pray for our expectant mothers** - The Kawell adoption.

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

**Pray for our Missional Partnerships** - South Huntsville Church Plant (Adam Venable) and Grace Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Albertville, AL (Pastor Jackie Gaston).

**The Lord’s Day  
January 1, 2023**