

Order of Worship

January 7, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

And behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

People: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Pastor: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

People: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

Pastor: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

ALL: Praise the LORD! (Psalm 145:10-18 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched

Weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus, ready, stands to save you / Full of pity, joined with power.

He is able, He is able; / He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome / God's free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh.

Without money, without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall;

If you tarry 'til you're better / You will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood.

Venture on Him; venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good.

"Come Ye Sinners" | Words Joseph Hart
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Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty

God in three persons blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee

Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

"Holy, Holy, Holy" | Text: John Bacchus | Reginald Weber
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Scripture Reading

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

(Isaiah 42:1-9 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, Lover of my soul / Let me to Thy bosom fly,

While the nearer waters roll / While the tempest still is high

Hide me, O my Savior, hide / Till life's storm is past;

Safe into the haven guide / Receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none / I helpless, hang on thee;

Leave, oh leave me not alone / Support and comfort me!

All my trust on Thee is stayed / All help from Thee I bring;

Cover my defenseless head / In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want / Here more than all I find;

Raise the fallen, cheer the faint / Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy Name / I am all unrighteousness;

False and full of sin I am / Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found / Grace to cover all my sin;

Let the healing streams abound / Make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the Fountain art / Let me take of Thee;

Spring Thou up within my heart / For all eternity.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
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Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism # 60

Pastor: How are you righteous before God?

ALL: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

Offertory

"Blessed Assurance"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Brian Russ, Associate Pastor

"Jesus, the Righteous One"

Matthew 3:1-17

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

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine

O what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation purchase of God

Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus: This is my story this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long

This is my story this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight

Angels descending bring from above

Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Perfect submission all is at rest

I in my Savior am happy and blest

Watching and waiting looking above

Filled with His goodness lost in His love

“Blessed Assurance” | Fanny Jane Crosby

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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.

Communion - Communion will be observed next Sunday, January 14.

Manna House Serve Days - There is a great opportunity to plug in and serve the community with Cornerstone folks on Thursdays at the Manna House. Anyone can come for any amount of time between 1-6:30 pm.

Women's Ministry Bible Studies - On Tuesday mornings for 10 weeks beginning January 16, we will be studying the Old Testament prophets in "The Word of the Lord" by Nancy Guthrie. On Monday and Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks beginning January 15 and 16, we will be discussing the video teaching of Paige Brown on the book of Daniel. For additional details and to register, please visit www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news and scroll down to "Upcoming Events".

Communicants Class - A communicants class for children interested in becoming communing members of Cornerstone starts next Sunday. Please contact Pastor Brian at brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org for more information and to register.

New Members Class - January 28-March 3 during the Sunday School hour. If you're interested in becoming a member or learning more about Cornerstone, please email office@cornerstonehuntsville.org to sign up.

Foundations - Begins Wednesday, January 31. More details to follow.

Men's Retreat - Save the date for February 23-24 at Alpine Camp in Mentone, AL.

Yakama Summer Mission Trip - A team is forming to go back on June 1-8, 2024. If interested, please contact frank.cohee@gmail.com.

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, Mike and Carol Welfare, and Mark and Robbie Kimbrough.

Pray for healing - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, and Earl Myers.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Lauren Hudgins (February), Olivia Hitt (June), and the McMillan adoption.

Praise God for the birth of Louise Claire Clemons, born to Wesley and Olivia on December 30!

Pray for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Brent and Selina Miller, Missionaries to Mexico and First Presbyterian Church, Russellville, AL.

**The Lord's Day
January 7, 2024**