

Order of Worship February 25, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob; and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.

(Romans 11:26–27 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Pastor: Who forgives all your iniquity and heals all your diseases.

People: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Pastor: Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

Pastor: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul! *(Psalm 103:1-8, 22 ESV)*

Invocation

Rev. Chris Moody, Assistant Pastor

Praise and Adoration

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife,
With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life.

*Chorus: May the peoples praise You/Let the nations be glad.
All Your blessing comes/That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus.*

All the earth is Yours and all within each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. *(Chorus)*

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaims. *(Chorus)*

*"May the Peoples Praise You" | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | David Zimmer
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Scripture Reading

So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

(Romans 11:11-24 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

*"Thy Mercy My God" | John Stocker
Sandra McCracken | Words: Public Domain*

Sacrament of Baptism

Lawson Michael Wood

Son of Daniel and Abigail Wood

(1st service)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning

Is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Butler, Elder

Offertory

"Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: The Kindness and Severity of God" Romans 11:11-32

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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

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.

Communicants Class - Resumes today after the second service in the Fellowship Hall of the main building.

Foundations Spring 2024 - Continues this Wednesday, February 28 from 5:45-7:15 pm in the FLC. There will be food, fellowship, and discipleship opportunities for children, students, and adults.

Sunday Night Student Fellowship - Senior high students, please join us on March 3 from 7-8:30 pm at the Roberts home. Pastor Wilson will be speaking on sharing your faith.

Joni & Friends Family Camp - June 23-28. An initial team meeting is next Sunday, March 3 immediately after the second service.

Good Friday Communion Service - Friday, March 29 at 6 pm in the FLC.

Easter Sunday! - We will have two worship services at 8:30 and 11 am on Sunday, March 31. After the first service, please join us for an Easter brunch during the Sunday School hour in the FLC.

Save the Date! - VBS Olympion 2024, June 3-6. More details to follow.

RYM - July 1-5, 2024. Current 8th graders and up can attend. To sign up, please contact Chris Moody at chris@cornerstonehuntsville.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Diana Akridge, Susan Dupré, 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, Georgia Paulson, Earl Myers, Gayle Ricks, Brian Sommers, Craig Martin, Miyon Evans, Paul Wendorf, Ellen Brewer, Susan Hoyt, and those sick and suffering.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Rebecca Nunley (April), Olivia Hitt (June), and the McMillan adoption.

Pray for ongoing construction and renovation projects.

Pray for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Southside Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Adam Venable) and Southwood Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Will Spink).

Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)

*For what we have done and left undone / We fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown / We call on Your name so holy
For envy and pride for closing our eyes / For scorning our very neighbor
In thought word and deed we've failed You our King
How deeply we need a Savior*

*Chorus: Lord have mercy Christ have mercy / Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy / Lord have mercy on us*

*For what You have done Your life of love / You perfectly lived we praise You
Though tempted and tried You fixed Your eyes / You finished the work God gave You
And there on the tree A King among thieves / You bled for a world's betrayal
You loved to the end Our merciful friend
How pure and forever faithful*

*For hearts that are cold for seizing control / For scorning our very Maker
In thought word and deed we've failed You our King
How deeply we need a Savior*

**The Lord's Day
February 25, 2024**