

Order of Worship

April 21, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
(Romans 14:8-9 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

People: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity".

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

People: Then all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

Pastor: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

ALL: Praise the LORD! (Psalm 96:7-13 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

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Scripture Reading

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

(James 4:1-12 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace.

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Reception of New Members

Tom and Ellise Adams
Eddie and Kim Broyles
Ethan and Grace Piercey

Darrell and Brittany Shonk
Kim Sweatt
Paul, Ashley, Titus, Eva, and Corwin Poppe

Sacrament of Baptism

8:30 am service

Gabriella Anne Colette
Daughter of Zach and Ashley Colette

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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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Brian Russ, Associate Pastor

Offertory

"Jesus, Cast A Look on Me"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Gospel of God: How to Get Along in the Church" Romans 14:1-12

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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.

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Benediction

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.

Women's Ministry Spring Fellowship Dinner - Ladies, please join us next Sunday, April 28 at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 for ladies in the College & Career Sunday school. Please RSVP by this Wednesday by visiting cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list.

Men's Ministry Fellowship Dinner - Men, please bring a friend and join us on Sunday, May 19 at 6 pm in the FLC. The cost is \$10/person. Come hang out and listen to a talk from Pastor Wilson while enjoying smoked chuck roast and sides catered by Jim 'N Nick's. Register online at cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list.

VBS Olympion 2024 Registration - VBS is June 3-6 from 9-11:30 am. To register your child, visit cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list. Please contact Mary Cooper with any questions at mary@cornerstonehuntsville.org.

2024 Reformers' Cup Golf Tournament - Please join us and fellow Huntsville-area PCA churches on June 8 from 8:30 am-12 pm at the RTJ Hampton Cove Short Course! Tickets cost \$75 each or \$300 per team and cover lunch, golf, warm-up balls, and a \$10 donation to RUF. A portion of the proceeds go to support the mission of RUF at UAH and A&M. Register online at cornerstonehuntsville.org/events-list.

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, Earl Myers, Gayle Ricks, Ruby Petcher, Marc Goldmon, Abby Reese Wren, and those sick and suffering.

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

Pray for our expectant mothers - Olivia Hitt (June), Kayla Few (August), and the McMillan adoption.

Pray for ongoing construction projects and also our church neighbors.

Pray for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Praise God for the 200th anniversary of one of our missional partners, First Presbyterian Church in Tuscumbia, AL!

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Adair Evans (Missionary to Germany) and First Presbyterian Church, Tuscumbia, AL (Dr. Randy Thompson).

**The Lord's Day
April 21, 2024**