CORNERSTONE Reformed Church

THE LORD'S DAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastoral Prayer Psalm 46

Gloria Patri The Lord's Prayer // Matthew 6:9-13 Psalm // A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Old Testament Reading // Psalm 149 Prayer of Praise

CONFESSION

Hymn // Before the Throne of God Above New Testament Reading // Matthew 16:13-19 Prayer of Confession Confession of Faith // Apostles' Creed Assurance of Pardon // Psalm 103:8-13

CONSECRATION Hymn // I Know That My Redeemer Lives Sermon // 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 Psalm // Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

> **COMMUNION** *The Bread and Cup*

COMMISSIONING

The Doxology Benediction // Matthew 28:18-20 & Numbers 6:24-26



Thank you for joining us this morning!

Welcome to the most important thing we do: gather together to worship the Triune God of the Bible by reading God's Word, praying God's Word, singing God's Word, hearing God's Word taught and preached, tasting and seeing God's Word in baptism and the Lord's Supper, and being sanctified and commissioned by God's Word so that God would be glorified, and that we—the saints—would have informed minds, transformed hearts, and reformed lives, joyfully submitted to the Lordship of Christ.

Who We Are and Why We Exist

Cornerstone is a Christ-centered, joyfully reformed church seeking to bring every area of life into joyful submission to the Lordship of Christ



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How We Worship

Every Christian church follows a liturgy—an order of worship or schedule of services on the Lord's Day. On the one hand, liturgy simply means the service of the people. But on the other hand, a church's liturgy is not only how they serve God, but how they are served by God. Cornerstone follows a covenant renewal pattern of worship that is Godcentered, gospel-shaped, and covenant-minded. Based on, and full of, Scripture, Covenant Renewal Worship is a service full of God speaking and His people responding in five movements that shape our life. A typical Order of Worship looks like this:

Call to Worship: God Gathers His People

Every Lord's Day, God calls His people from every tribe, tongue and nation to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Those who trust Him joyfully obey this call and respond with singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

Confession of Sins and Faith: God Forgives His People

Having come into the presence of a holy God, we respond as all the faithful saints of old did when encountering God. We fall on our face and confess our sins and need for mercy. We confess our private sins privately, and then the whole church confesses our general sins generally, seeking His forgiveness in prayer. Then we confess our faith by reciting a portion of Scripture, or one of our creeds, or a portion of our confession. The minister then reminds us that in and because of Christ, God forgives our sins and remembers them no more.

Consecration: God Equips His People

Having had our sins forgiven, we are then ready to come even nearer to God in worship, so we sing His praises as He brings us closer and speaks to us from His Word about who He is, who we are, and what He promises and expects from us. The goal of the sermon is to inform our minds, reform our hearts, and transform our lives according to God's Word.

Communion: God Nourishes His People

Having heard the Lord is good in the preaching of His Word, we now get to taste and see that He is good by partaking in the visible Word, the bread and wine, at His Table. We warmly invite all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, rightly under the authority of Christ and His body, the church, to come and commune with God and His people.

Commission: God Sends His People

And finally, having been fed from God's Word and at His Table, God then sends His people out into the world with a final commission to do His will, for His glory and the life of the world.

The M'Cheyne Bible Calendar

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CALL TO WORSHIP - THE LORD CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE

Pastoral Prayer

Almighty God, unto whom all our hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Glorious Name. As we now read your Word, pray your Word, sing Your Word, hear Your Word preached, and taste and see Your Word, help us to truly hear Your Word and repent and believe rightly, so that we may clearly see and embrace the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. And it's in Him, through Him, and for Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, that we pray. Amen.

If you are able, please stand for the reading of God's Word

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

(Let us worship the Triune God)

Gloria Patri (with uplifted hands)

Gloria Patri



Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord as we recite the Lord's Prayer together.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

With our hearts lifted up let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. It is proper and right to do so. It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Him, our Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for it is in Christ, through Christ, and for Christ that we can rightly worship our great God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, and with all the church on earth, let us magnify His glorious name, evermore praising Him and singing.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Based on Psalm 46EIN' FESTE BURGMartin Luther, 15298.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
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1. A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ling; our 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv - ing wouldbe los - ing; were 3. And tho' this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us, we
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the
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help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for not the right Man on our side, the Man of God'sown choos - ing; dost
will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri umph through us; the Spir it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth; let
D Bm A/C# E A D A/C# D G Em ⁶ Bm F#/A# Bm F#/C# Bm/D E
still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are
ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; the Lord of Hosts His prince of dark - ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en -
goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may
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great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. name, from age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle. dure, for lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Please join us in our Old Testament Reading

Old Testament Reading // Psalm 149

1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! 2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! 3 Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. 5 Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, 7 to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, 8 to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, 9 to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord – Praise be to God

Prayer of Praise offered by lay leadership. CONFESSION OF SINS AND FAITH - THE LORD CLEANSES US IN CHRIST Before the Throne of God Above



Please join us in our New Testament Reading

New Testament Reading // Matthew 16:13-19

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord – Praise be to God

God's Word says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9). "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit" (Psalm 32:1-2). "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker" (Psalm 95:6)! We are called to make war against sin and Satan. And Christ promised us that the gates of hell would not prevail against us. We have victory in Christ, yet we all too often give in to sin. Therefore, in view of God's holiness and our sin, I invite you to kneel if you are able (you may sit if you cannot kneel), and to take a moment to confess your sins privately to the Lord and ask for God's forgiveness, and after I will pray for us all.

~ Silent Prayer ~

O most merciful God who pardons all who truly repent and turn to You; We humbly confess our sins and look to Your mercy. We have not loved You fervently with a pure heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with Your free Spirit. We humbly pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Now that we've confessed our sins let us stand and confess our faith.

Church, in Whom do you believe? **Confession of Faith // Apostles' Creed** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit The Holy Catholic* Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Word says, "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him" (Psalm 103:8-13). Beloved, you have confessed your sin and your faith in Christ. No matter how sinful you have been, no matter how guilty you are, and no matter how you feel, there is mercy for you because you are in Christ, and Christ has removed your sin from you as far as the east is from the west. Therefore, as Christ's minister, and in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, I tell you, in Christ, through Christ, and for Christ you are forgiven. Be assured of your pardon.

*The word "catholic" means "universal" and refers to the whole people of God, not to a particular denomination

CONSECRATION AND ASCENSION THE LORD BRINGS US INTO THE HEAVENLIES I Know That My Redeemer Lives deem-er lives; 1. I know that my Re -2. He lives, He lives, who once was dead; 3. He lives to bless me with His love, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! 4. He lives my soul to feed, hun - gry 5. He glo - ry crush the lives, all to His name! 6. He lives to fiends. of hell, What sur-ance gives! liv - ing Head. com-fort this as --He lives, my ev - er He Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! lives to plead for a - bove, me He lives to help in need. time of He lives, my Sav - ior still the same. He lives and doth with .- in me dwell Shout on, we're gain-ing ground-Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! on, pray The dead is a - live and the lost is found - Glo - ry, hal - le lu - jah! Music: American folk hymn, 1800's; harm. Mark Reagan, 2022 SHOUT ON Text: Samuel Medley, 1775; ref. Unknown 86.86.w/refrain

The congregation may be seated at the conclusion of the song.

Sermon // 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (ESV) pg. 969

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For

the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy

strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the

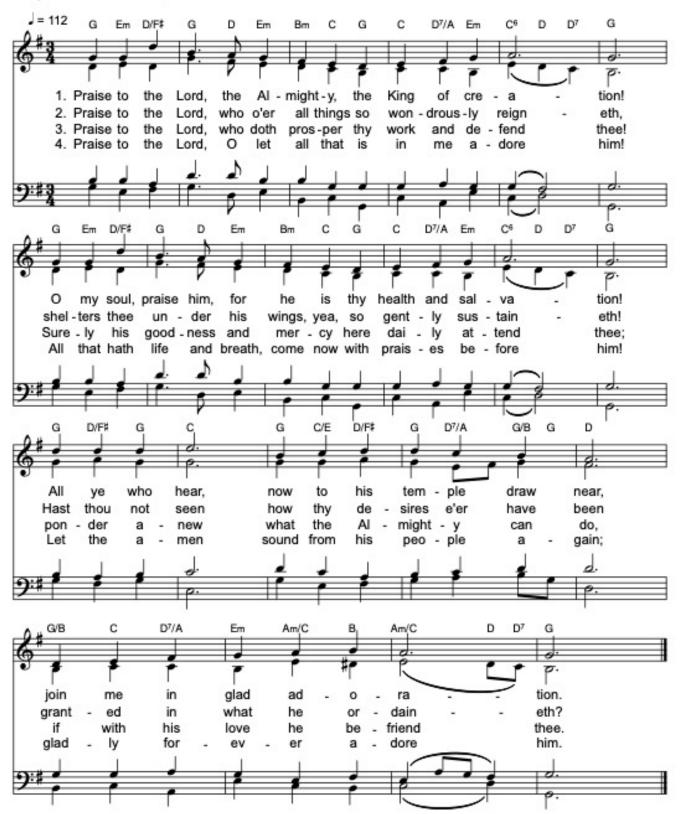
knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...

SERMON NOTES

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Joachim Neander, 1680 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665



COMMUNION - THE LORD DINES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

We warmly invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, rightly under the authority of Christ and His body, the church. For this promise is to you and your children and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ may be one in Him, and remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom. Amen.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Bread: The Body of Christ, given for you.

1 Corinthians 11:25-26

25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Cup: The Blood of Christ, shed for your sins.

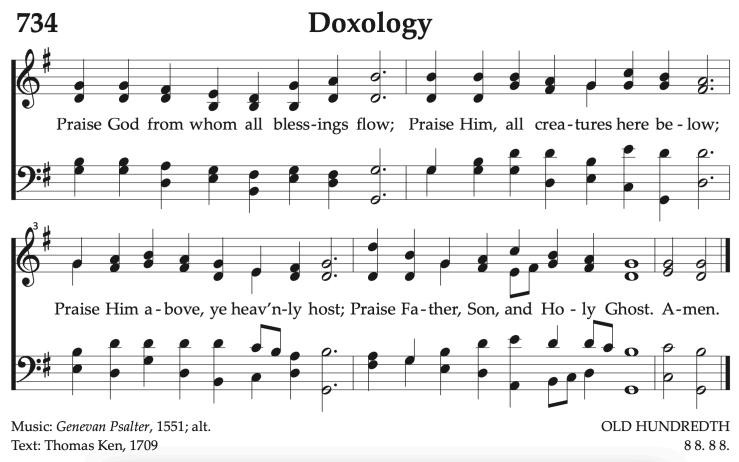
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, You gave us the true bread that came down from heaven, even Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: grant that we who have received this sacrament of His Body and Blood may abide in Him, and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life, and serve Him with gladness and thanksgiving forever. Amen.

COMMISSIONING THE LORD SENDS US OUT TO DO HIS WILL WITH HIS BLESSING

If you are able, please stand and join us in singing the Doxology.

The Doxology (with uplifted hands)



Benediction // Matthew 28:18-20 & Numbers 6:24-26

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." So as you obey this commission for God's glory, the good of God's people, and the life of God's world, seeking to bring every area of life into joyful submission to the Lordship of Christ, may "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Amen.

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Wednesday Fellowship Meal // 5:30p Wednesday Night Bible Study // 6:30p (all ages)

Sunday School // 9:30a (all ages) Sunday Service // 10:40a Nursery (0-4) // Available during Wednesday Bible Study, Sunday School, and Sunday Service

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