



CORNERSTONE Reformed Church

**THE LORD'S DAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL**

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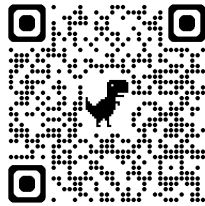


Thank you for joining us this morning!

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



Drop your tithes and offerings in the offering box at any time, or scan the QR code to give online.

New Here? Please fill out one of our visitor cards, found on top of our offering box near the doors of the sanctuary, so that we can provide you with some information about the church.

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 God-centered, 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.

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

Lamentations 3:21-24

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

For God's glory and the sake of our faith, hope, and love, let us worship the Triune God

Gloria Patri *(with uplifted hands)*

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

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.

How Great Thou Art

VERSE 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed

CHORUS

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art; how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art; how great Thou art

VERSE 2

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

VERSE 3

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

VERSE 4

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

Please join us in our Old Testament Reading

Old Testament Reading // Psalm 8

1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

Psalm 23 (to the tune of Amazing Grace)

VERSE 1

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

VERSE 2

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make.
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His Own Name's sake

VERSE 3

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff comforts me still;

VERSE 4

My table Thou hast furnished well
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows

VERSE 5

Your grace and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me
And in my Father's house always
My dwelling place shall be

ENDING

Praise God from Whom
all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
AMEN

Please join us in our New Testament Reading

New Testament Reading // James 4:1-10

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 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. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 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. 5 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”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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 trust and obey the Lord, not the passions of our flesh, yet time and time again we have given in to the flesh and acted like the world. We have drawn near to the world in our pride instead humbly drawing near to the Lord. 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 ~

Most 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your 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

In Christ Alone

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

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VERSE

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A♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/G Fm7 A♭/B♭

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

4

E♭ A♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/G Fm7 A♭/B♭

song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

8

E♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/G B♭sus B♭ E♭/G A♭ Cm7

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12

B♭sus B♭ A♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/G Fm7 A♭/B♭ E♭

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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

Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV) pg. 1007

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

SERMON NOTES

Before the Throne of God Above

D Em/D D G D Em/D D F#m

1. Be-fore the throne of God a-bove, I have a strong and per-fect plea: a great High
 2. When Sa-tan tempts me to des-pair, and tells me of the guilt with-in, up-ward I
 3. Be-hold Him there, the ris-en Lamb! My per-fect, spot-less right-eous-ness, the great un-

G D/F# A Bm Em/G G G/A D F#m⁷

Priest whose name is Love, who ev-er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin. Be-cause the
 change-a-ble I AM, the King of Glo-ry and of Grace. One with Him-

G D/F# D A D F#m⁷ G D/F# G F#m Bm D/A G D/F#

grav-en on His hands. My name is writ-ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He
 sin-less Sav-ior died my sin-ful soul is count-ed free. For God, the Just, is sat-is-
 self, I can-not die; my soul is pur-chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on

Bm Em/G G G/A Bm Em/G G G/A D

stands, no tongue can bid me thence de-part; no tongue can bid me thence de-part.
 fied to look on Him and par-don me; to look on Him and par-don me.
 high, with Christ, my Sav-ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav-ior and my God.

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)*

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; alt.
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

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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.



Information

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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