

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

"O You who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come" (Ps.65:2) is a right and proper kind of universalism; not a universalism that presupposes the equal truth and validity of all religions but that welcomes all of whatever race who will come to the true God... "the hope of all the ends of the earth" (Ps.65:5).

James Montgomery Boice

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that <u>whoever</u> believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

# The Lord's Day — November 7, 2021

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

#### Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

### Come Praise and Glorify

Kauflin/Chester

Come praise and glorify our God, The Father of our Lord In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

Come praise and glorify our God, Who gives His grace in Christ In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice In Him God has made known to us, The myst'ry of His will That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

To the praise of Your glory,
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory,
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God, For we've believed the Word And through our faith we have a seal, The Spirit of the Lord The Spirit guarantees our hope, Until redemption's done Until we join in endless praise, To God, the Three in One

#### Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 121:1-2

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 121

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## Hymn of Praise

## Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

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, still 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.

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.

### Reading of the Word: Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### **Confession of Sin**

Our gracious Father, your Son is Lord over and compassionate in all our circumstances; yet by our thoughts, words, and deeds we have rebuffed your intentions, even questioning your care. Foolishly, we let fear overrule our faith and break our fellowship with you, whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, diminished their lives and damaged ourselves. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that the Spirit that brought our crucified Lord from death to resurrection might renew us after the image of Jesus Christ ... Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

The Gospel Pardon John 8:10-11

Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, Where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

### Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

#### Mighty to Save

Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus! Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King.

## Thy Mercy My God

Stoker

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.

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.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

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.

# The Blessing

**Brown/Carnes/Furtick** 

The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family and your children and their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you. All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going. In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you, He is for you, He is for you.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

**Elder Connor Ross** 

Sermon Rev. Brian Russ

God's Abundant Provision Psalm 65 (page 480)

#### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please let the pastor know at the table. The silver trays at the back of the table contain wine. The gold trays at the front of the table contain juice. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

# My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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My worth is not in what I own; Not in the strength of flesh and bone But in the costly wounds of love, At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, In win or lose, in pride or shame, But in the blood of Christ that flowed, At the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die, Fame, youth and beauty hurry by, But life eternal calls to us, At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might, Or human wisdom's fleeting light But I will boast in knowing Christ, At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess, My worth and my unworthiness My value fixed - my ransom paid, At the cross.

#### Benediction<sup>2</sup>

# adapted from Dale Ralph Davis

Now may a dying Savior's love, a risen Savior's joy, an ascended Savior's power, and returning Savior's hope, rest upon your hearts and your homes and all whatsoever concerns you. Amen.

Song of Faith

## **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

Newton/Tomlin

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me, And like a flood His mercy reigns; Unending love, amazing grace.

# This Week

Monday 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study @ Nelson home (James)

Tuesday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Hebrews)

Tuesday 10:00-11:30am

Women's Bible Study @ DPC (James)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office (1 Samuel)

Wednesday 1:00pm (2nd & 4th Wednesday)

Singled Out for Christ

Wednesday 5:00pm

Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria

Wednesday 5:30pm

Church Family Meal

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Kids Choirs:

4 Year Old - 2nd Grade / Kids of the King

3rd Grade - 5th Grade / Dare 2 Declare

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Choir Practice

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Open Door Study (Galatians)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Life Groups

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

4 Year Olds - 5th Grade / Kid's Quest

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

Thursday 6:00pm

College Student Study @ White's home (Truths We

Confess)

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (1 Peter)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

# **Church Family Reminders**

Rev. Brian Russ is the Associate Pastor at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. He grew up in the Carolinas and attended Clemson University and Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte. Prior to coming to Cornerstone in 2016, he was on staff at Arden Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC. for over 10 years. He and his wife Audrey have four children: Eowyn (16), Leah (14), Allison (12) and William (10).

Upcoming Guest Preachers: Rev. Amos Williams, Jr. (11/14); Rev. Jeph Guinan (11/21); Pastor Rick Stark (11/28)

Welcome Alice Mae White! Congratulations to Nathan & Rachael White on the birth of sweet Alice Mae on October 31. She safely arrived weighing 4lbs. 2.5oz and 17 inches long and continues to grow strong while in the NICU for a bit longer. Nathan says "we are so thankful for our church. God has been gracious to us." "Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!" (Psalm 31:19)

**Fall Festival "Thank You" from Lainee:** I hate we had to miss the festival, but I am so grateful to have heard nothing but good things about it! A special thank you to Tara Thompson, Hope Schmidt, Debbie Smith, Stu Schieler, Bill Nelson, Nathan White, and so many others (including youth!) who helped make the Fall Festival a success this year.

**Thank You, Church!** We knocked it out of the park hosting the Meeting of Providence Presbytery on Tuesday November 02! This was made possible by our ladies who served so amazingly (Faye Temple, Elena Suggs, Betsy Stark, and Office Administrator Tonya Roth)! Our Ruling Elders represented our church so well. Christ's church and His kingdom is advancing!

**Pastor Search Committee:** T-minus and ready to launch! On November 14 (12:30pm – 4:00pm), Chuck Frost of the McGowan Global Institute will lead the PSC in an initial training session, including lunch. Let's all continue to pray for this Committee: Skip Thompson, Allen Schmidt, Scott Mayo, Sam Thompson, Braden Ladner, Shelby Sasser, Carol Godwin, Melissa McMahan, and Rhonda Stevens.

**Operation Christmas Child:** DPC will have another Intl. Missions opportunity—Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Last year, toy/notions-filled shoe boxes (including an invitation to learn about Jesus) were gifted to millions of children in 150 countries around the world. See the OCC display in the Gathering Room, and pick up a brochure and one or more empty shoe boxes. Boxes are due next Sunday, November 14. Contact Mary Chism at maebelle12@att.net for more information.

**Annual Christmas Cantata & Reception:** Mark your calendars in advance for a spectacular event, "The Carols of Christmas," which Stu Schieler has planned for us. The event is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 12 from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Immediately following there will be a delicious reception to honor the Cantata and to celebrate the Christmas season.

**Sermon Outline Notes:** for adults and children are available on the back table.

#### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

## FALL 2021 9:30 am

**Jonah:** Come join us as we study the book of Jonah, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. We are using a book called "Salvation through Judgment and Mercy" which leads us thru the study of one man who thru painful experience, came to discover the true character of God. Visitors are always welcome!

**Sedona Class:** A study of 1 Peter: A Living Hope Amidst Life's Great Challenges. Using material written by Dr. Frank Barker, we will unwrap practical ways Peter's message can guide us through our dilemmas and day-to-day living. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

Session Diaconate

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9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship

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