

C O R N E R S T O N E
H O U S T O N

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship
November 16, 2025

*Call to Worship | Romans 8:34-35, 37-39 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.

³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Song of Adoration | Arise O God

We begin by responding with praise to God for who he is and for what he does.

Arise O God and shine
in all Thy saving might
And prosper each design
to spread Thy glorious light
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise
Let every people hear
and learn Thy holy ways
Reign mighty God assert Thy cause
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Put forth Thy glorious pow'r
That everyone may see
And earth present her store
in converts born to Thee
God our own God His church O bless
And fill the world with righteousness

To God the only wise
the one immortal King
Let hallelujahs rise
from every living thing
Let all that breathe on every coast
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Music and Lyrics: William Hurn

*Confession of Faith | Philippians 2:5-11

With the church in history we confess a basic statement of what Christians believe.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Song of Confession | Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Music and Lyrics: Robert Robinson

Confession of Sin

We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.

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 and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, who we confess as Savior, have mercy on us and forgive us to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 10:9 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

The good news of the gospel is that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. This assurance is based on God's words of promise and it is therefore certain.

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

*Song of Response | Stricken Smitten And Afflicted

We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long expected prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son, God now has spoken:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress:
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him,
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See Who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man, and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost.
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

Music and Lyrics: Thomas Kelly, Wen Reagan

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We offer our gratitude to God in prayer in response to his gifts and blessings to his people and ask that he make us faithful managers of these gifts.

Song of Thanks | Man Of Sorrows

As we offer our prayers so we also offer up our thanks in song.

Man of sorrows Lamb of God by His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid
Silent as He stood accused beaten mocked and scorned
Bowling to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out
Hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

Sent of heaven God's own Son to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree

Chorus

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

// Chorus //

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised, He's risen from the grave

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Brooke Ligertwood, Matt Crocker

Prayer for Christ's Church

We lift up our requests to God knowing that he hears us when we pray.

*Reading of Scripture | Matthew 27:15-23, 26, 35-37, 45-50, 54 |
Rev. Blake Arnoult

God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"End of Jesus' Passion"

Matthew: The Gospel to the Church

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Communion

Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible grace of God - what Christ does by his Holy Spirit within us. Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist), as the distribution of the elements of bread and wine, symbolizes a meal. Communion is a sign of fellowship. That sign signifies more than just the future heavenly fellowship that is to come. The outward sign signifies the inner reality that sinners already experience fellowship with God in the Spirit because of Jesus. Communion is not a meal for good people. It functions as a renewing seal to desperate sinners of that fellowship we have with our holy and gracious God.

You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian we encourage you to spend this time in reflection on what you've seen and heard in the worship. Children who have not received their first communion are welcome and encouraged to come forward with their families to witness their partaking. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hallelujah!

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward. We would be happy to serve you at your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free. All communion wine is made from grape juice.

A communion prayer for those searching for the truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Communion Song | Grace And Peace

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Grace and peace, oh how can this be
For lawbreakers and thieves, for the worthless, the least
You have said that our judgment is death
For all eternity without hope, without rest

**Oh, what an amazing mystery, what an amazing mystery
That Your grace has come to me**

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
The matchless King of all paid the blood price for me
Slaughtered lamb, what atonement You bring!
The vilest sinner's heart can be cleansed, can be free

Chorus

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
Let songs of gratefulness ever rise, never cease
Loved by God and called as a saint
My heart is satisfied in the riches of Christ

Chorus

Oh, what an amazing love I see, what an amazing love I see
That Your grace has come to me

Music and Lyrics: Joel Sczebel

Departing Song | Nothing But The Blood

We begin to end in faith and song.

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Lyrics & Music: Robert Lowry

*Benediction | Philippians 4:23 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in his mission to the city of man.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Announcements

2025 Budget Update

Visit our website to give online or scan the code below!

2025 Budget: \$813,000

Giving Received as of 10/31/2025: \$530,134

Difference as of 10/31/2025: \$(282,866)

Please prayerfully consider giving to Cornerstone by December 31st to help us reach our 2025 budget! All gifts must be dated and sent by 12/31/25 to count towards the 2025 giving year.

Christmas at Cornerstone!

Save the dates for our Christmas events this season!

Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 5, 7pm

The Erwin Home

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7, 11:30am

The Donovan Home

Kids' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7, 3pm

The Byrd Home

Christmas Eve Fellowship and Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2:30pm

A.D. Players at the George Theater

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed!

There are still opportunities to serve in November and December! Members can sign up to serve through the Church Center app by selecting "Sign Up" from your Church Center profile under "Schedule". Volunteers for the nursery and setup positions are the most needed.

RSVP and Announcements Page

Visit the website to view our calendar and RSVP to events!



Let Us Know You're Here!

Welcome, visitors! We are so glad to have you with us this morning! Please scan the QR code to let us know you're here, or visit our website at cornerstonehouston.com.



Serving

Scan the QR code below to sign up to serve at Cornerstone!



Giving

Scan the QR code below to see different ways to give!

*Please Note: An additional fee is charged per transaction for online giving. Please consider adding this fee to your total contribution in order to help us cover it: Credit/Debit Cards: 2.9% + \$0.30/transaction; American Express: 4% + \$0.30/transaction; and Bank Transfer (ACH): 1% + \$0.30/transaction.



Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- no food or drink other than water
- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage
- no standing on chairs

Cornerstone loves our children, and we encourage parents to bring children of all ages into the worship service. We do ask for your help to ensure children observe these guidelines. Special A.D. Players approved dry erase crayons are available in the Lobby for our children to use during the worship service.

Cornerstone Kids

What in the world is...?

Hymns, Praise Songs?

Singing loudly is not just something we do in the shower. God gave us voices to sing about how awesome he is!

Confession?

God wants to hear what we did wrong. Tell him! He not only listens, he also forgives.

Prayer?

God cares so much for us that he taught us to pray. He wants us to know what to pray for and also how to pray. How amazing is that? Take a look in your parents' bulletin to check it out!

The Offering?

Ever wonder why we put money in that basket being passed around? God wants us to give to him and his church in joy as an act of worship!

The Sermon?

This is when the pastor helps us understand what God is telling us in the Bible. And the Bible is God's word!

Communion?

Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in the Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and drink the wine God nourishes our spirits!!! Who gets to take communion? Those who believe in Jesus and have shared their faith with the leaders in the church.

Benediction?

This is the end of the church service where everyone receives God's blessing. Isn't it awesome that God shares this blessing with us?

KIDS' CORNER



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

What is meant by atonement?

Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.



PRAYER REQUEST

Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

KIDS' LESSON

Imagine taking a test at school and you fail it, you bomb it, you get most of the answers wrong. And Jesus sitting next to you takes the test and he aces it!! Then you both take your tests to the teacher who is God and God writes your name on Jesus' test and Jesus' name on your test.

Jesus came down from heaven to live a perfect righteous life for you and then he died on the cross for your imperfect life. If you believe in Jesus then all your sin is counted to him and he pays for it on the cross AND, his perfect life is counted to you so when God looks at you he sees total righteousness.

Every other religion in the world says, "This is what you have to do...to get to where you want to go." Only Christianity says, "This is what has been done for you so you are going where you want to go."

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NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY

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KIDS' CORNER

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of JESUS to reveal a sign of God's love.

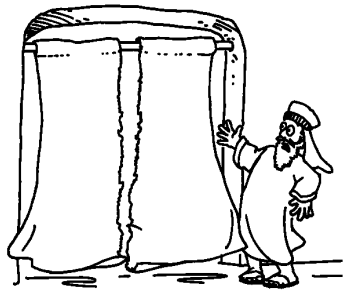
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KIDS' CORNER

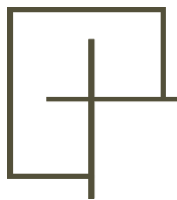
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At that moment the curtain
of the temple was torn in
two from top to bottom. The
earth shook and the rocks
split. When people saw this
they said, "Surely He was
the Son of God."



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