

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 23, 2025

***Call to Worship** | Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Pastor: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

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*Song of Adoration | Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Music and Lyrics: Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander

***Confession of Faith | Nicene Creed**

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

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

***Song of Confession | We Lift Our Eyes (Psalm 102)**

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

"Mercy, mercy," we cry out.
Turn an ear, Lord, when we call.
From Heaven's holy height, look down
To an earth after a fall.

**Isn't it you who has justified?
Hung on a cross for a wicked bride.
To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes
Isn't it you who is glorified?
Paid for our sins with a holy price.
To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes.**

Bitter wine and ash for bread.
Are you with us in this place?
Our days, like evening shadows, end.
Have you turned away your face?

Chorus

All our days pass away.
But you, O Lord, shall remain.

Chorus.

Music and Lyrics: Rivan Bennevendo

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.

Almighty Father, the tomb calls forth our adoring wonder, for it is empty and Christ is risen! Help us to reckon ourselves crucified with Christ. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us. And the life we now live in the flesh we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. We want to be dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to worldliness, that we might not give into temptation and our old way of living. Show us our sin and show us our Savior.

Assurance of Pardon | John 11:25-26 | 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.

²⁵ Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

*Song of Response | Grace Greater Than Our Sin

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

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled

**Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin**

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross

Chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away?
Look, There is flowing a crimson tide
Brighter than snow you may be today

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Julia Harriette Johnston, Daniel Brink Towner

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 | A Debtor To Mercy Alone

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

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

Music and Lyrics: Augustus Montague Toplady, Kevin Twit

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Matthew 28:1-20 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"His and Our Resurrection Life"

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 | Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory safe to glory safe to glory
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him
Bless the ears that hear His voice
Blessed are the souls that trust Him
And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments His commandments His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it all who taste it all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

Music and Lyrics: Joseph Swain, Kevin Twit

Departing Song | On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

We begin to end in faith and song.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

**I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land**

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest

Chorus

Lyrics & Music: Benjamin Brainard, Samuel Stennett

*Benediction | Revelation 22:20-21 | 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.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Announcements

Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 5, 7pm

The Erwin Home

All adults are invited to join us at the Erwin home for our annual Christmas party! Using your favorite rideshare app is recommended, but valet parking will also be available!

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7, 11:30am

The Donovan Home

5th-12th graders, join us at the Donovan home after the service on Sunday, December 7 for our youth Christmas party, including lunch and a White Elephant gift exchange! More info to come!

Kids' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 7, 3pm

The Byrd Home

Parents and kids through 4th grade are invited to the Byrd Home the afternoon of December 7 for our Kids' Christmas Party, including yummy treats and a bounce house!

Christmas Eve Fellowship and Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2:30pm

A.D. Players at the George Theater

Join us on Christmas Eve for our annual Christmas Eve fellowship with snacks and beverages followed by a candlelight service!

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.

RSVP and Announcements Page

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



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Serving

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Giving

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

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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

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, because of Jesus you have given my soul new, eternal life and I know and hope that you will also do the same for my body one day. I praise you for my salvation."

KIDS' LESSON

In the fifth Harry Potter book, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Harry is asking the ghost, Nearly Headless Nick, about death and if people who die can choose to come back as ghosts. Nick, the ghost, explains: "I was afraid of death. I chose to remain behind. I sometimes wonder whether I ought not to have... Well, that is neither here nor there.... In fact, I am neither here nor there...." Nick gave a small sad chuckle. "I know nothing of the secrets of death, Harry, for I chose my feeble imitation of life instead."

Sometimes that's how we can think of going to heaven, like we die and we just float around like spirits, like ghosts, forever. That is NOT our hope. We believe when we die our souls will go to paradise in heaven away from sin, death, and the devil. AND, we believe one day Jesus will come back and resurrect our bodies from the grave and reunite our souls with our new, awesome, perfect, beautiful, powerful resurrected bodies and we will live bodily in the new heavens and new earth forever! Death does not win. Jesus wins. Jesus beat death and not just for himself. Because he died on the cross for your sins he beat your death too. Jesus is going to get you out of the grave. Jesus and you! The church is about Jesus and us!

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NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY

A large, blank scroll with a question at the top. The scroll is drawn with a thick black outline, showing a rolled-up top and bottom. The text "WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font at the top of the scroll. The rest of the scroll is empty, intended for a student's response.

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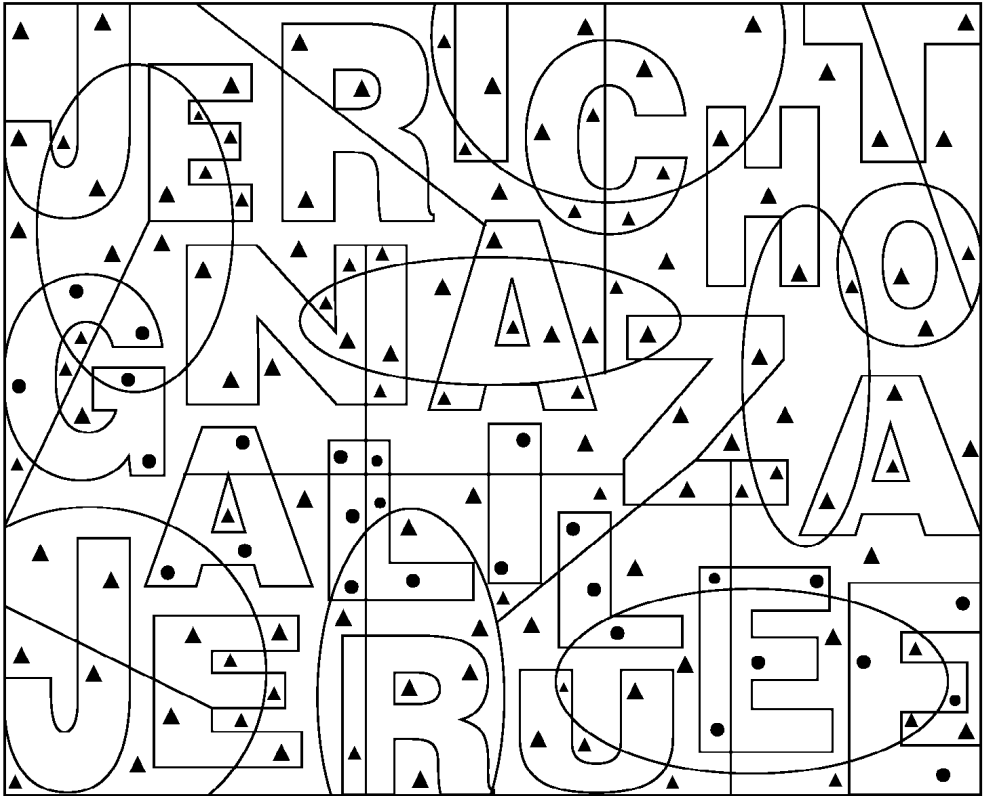
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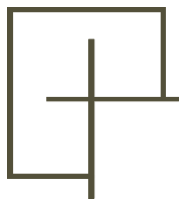
The Great Commission

The 11 disciples traveled to a mountain where Jesus had told them to go. Where was it?



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