

# CORNERSTONE
## HOUSTON

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# Order Of Worship

November 8, 2026

## *Call to Worship | 2 Peter 1:16-19 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

[13] For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. [17] For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” [18] we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. [19] And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

## *Song of Adoration | All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

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

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.

*Music and Lyrics: Edward Perronet, John Rippon, Oliver Holden*

## *Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q.1

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

**What is the chief end of man?**

**Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

## *Song of Confession | From The Depths Of Woe

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

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes,
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

*Music and Lyrics: Martin Luther, Richard Massie*

## Confession of Sin | Psalm 130:1-6

*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.*

**1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!**
**2 O Lord, hear my voice!**
**Let your ears be attentive**
**to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,**
**O Lord, who could stand?**
**4 But with you there is forgiveness,**
**that you may be feared.**

**5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,**
**and in his word I hope;**
**6 my soul waits for the Lord**
**more than watchmen for the morning,**
**more than watchmen for the morning.**

## Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 130:7-8 | 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.*

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
8 And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

## *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 spilt.

**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 | The Sands Of Time Are Sinking

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

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty,
Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey,
Though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

*Music and Lyrics: Anne Ross Cousin*

## Prayer for Christ's Church

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

## *Reading of Scripture | Luke 9:28-36 | Dr. Richard Lints

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

28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter
and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as
he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his
clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were
talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and
spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at
Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy
with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory
and the two men who stood with him. 33 And as the men were
parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are
here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and
one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 As he was saying these
things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid
as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud,
saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" 36 And when
the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent
and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

## The Preaching of the Word | Dr. Richard Lints

"The Transfiguration"

## Pastoral Prayer | Dr. Richard Lints

## 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 | What Wondrous Love Is This

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM;
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

*Music and Lyrics: American Folk Hymn*

## *Departing Song | Doxology

*We begin to end in faith and song.*

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

Amen

*Music and Lyrics: Thomas Ken*

## *Benediction | Numbers 6:24-26 | 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.*

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Let Us Know You're Here!**

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

**Calendar and Announcements Page**

We encourage you to visit Church Center or our website to view our calendar of gatherings and events! You can also find us on the Church Center app to stay up to date with our weekly and monthly events!

**Serving**

We rely on the willing hearts and bodies of our members to be the hands and feet of Christ for his church on Sunday mornings. Please take the time to sign up to serve this spring through Church Center! We need volunteers for all positions from setup, to nursery, to breakdown each Sunday in the coming months.

**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.

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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 standing on chairs | No stage access | Use only the writing utensils provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone

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.

# Announcements

## Women's Weekly Study

Wednesday, November 11, 10:30 AM
*Home of Marion Wade*

We tend to think Romans is intimidating and scary because there's so much serious theology in it. All the while the world does not take our theology seriously, but instead thinks Jesus and the gospel about a crucified savior is a joke. Part of how we need to approach Romans therefore is seeing Paul point up the absurdity of evil and the devil and death and everything that sets itself up in opposition to Jesus. Paul is not ashamed to hold this gospel out to anyone who wants it.

## Men's Bible Study

Friday, November 13, 7 AM
*Bean and Bottle*

What do the Old Testament judges have to do with us today? They were unlikely heroes that God raised up to deliver his forgetful people from idols of the world. Through this study, we'll expose the danger of history repeating itself in the church and remember how the ultimate Judge was sent to deliver his church.

## Sunday Student Studies

### The Covenants

Sunday, November 15, 9 AM
A.D. Players at the George Theater

What's a covenant? Who cares? Covenant is the structure of the Bible. It's like the skeleton that gives the Bible its shape. And since the Bible shapes you, covenant is also like the skeleton of your life. Which means covenant is the key to answering the most important questions in your life. Who cares about covenants? You do.

# Announcements

## Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 4, 7 PM
*The Bowden Home*

Adults are invited to join us at the Bowden home on Friday, December 4, for a Christmas celebration with great food and even better fellowship!

## Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 AM
*The Donovan Home*

Calling all middle and high schoolers! Join us at the Donovan home directly after the worship service on Sunday, December 6, for lunch, a service project, and holiday fun!

## Kids' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6, 3 PM
*The Byrd Home*

Parents and kids through 4th grade are invited to the Byrd Home on the afternoon of Sunday, December 6, for our Kids' Christmas Party, yummy treats, and a bounce house!

# 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

I covenant to you, as my Father covenanted to me, a kingdom.
Luke 22:29

## CATECHISM OF THE WEEK

**Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?**

God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.



## PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, show me your glory!"

# SERMON NOTES





Favorite song today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?

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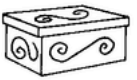
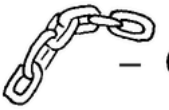


## The Transfiguration

Jesus took 3 disciples up a mountain with Him to pray. Who were they?



Add and subtract words or letters to find their names.

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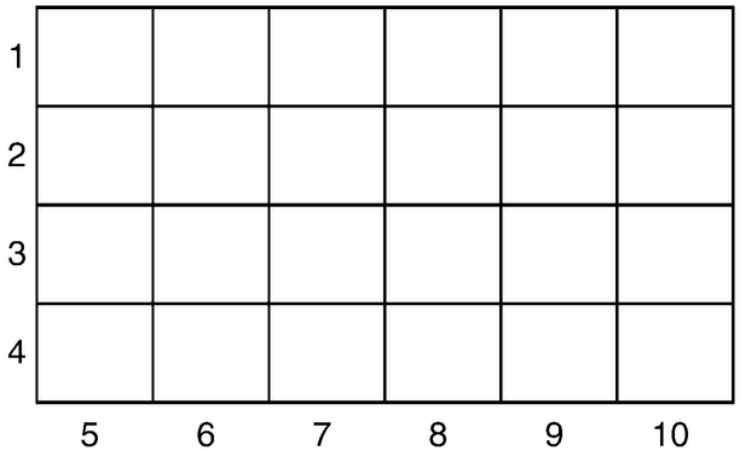
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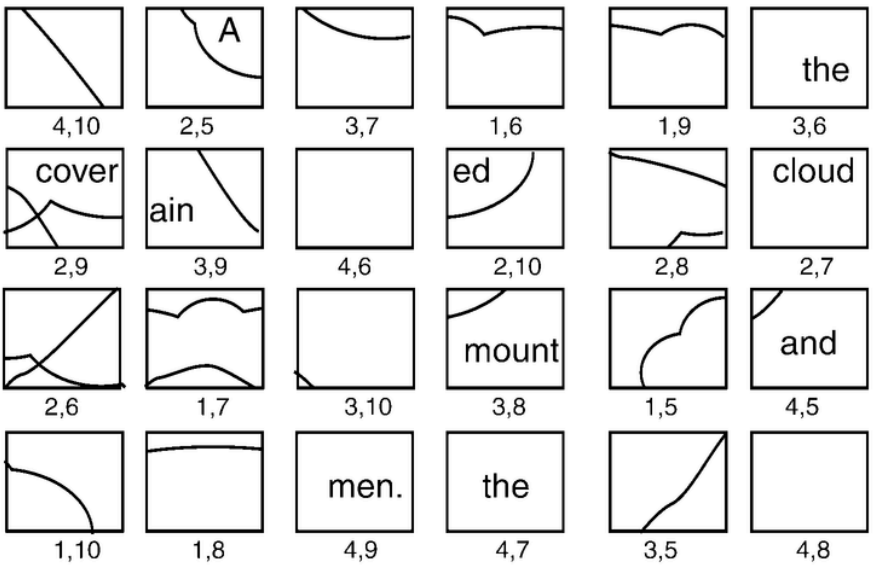
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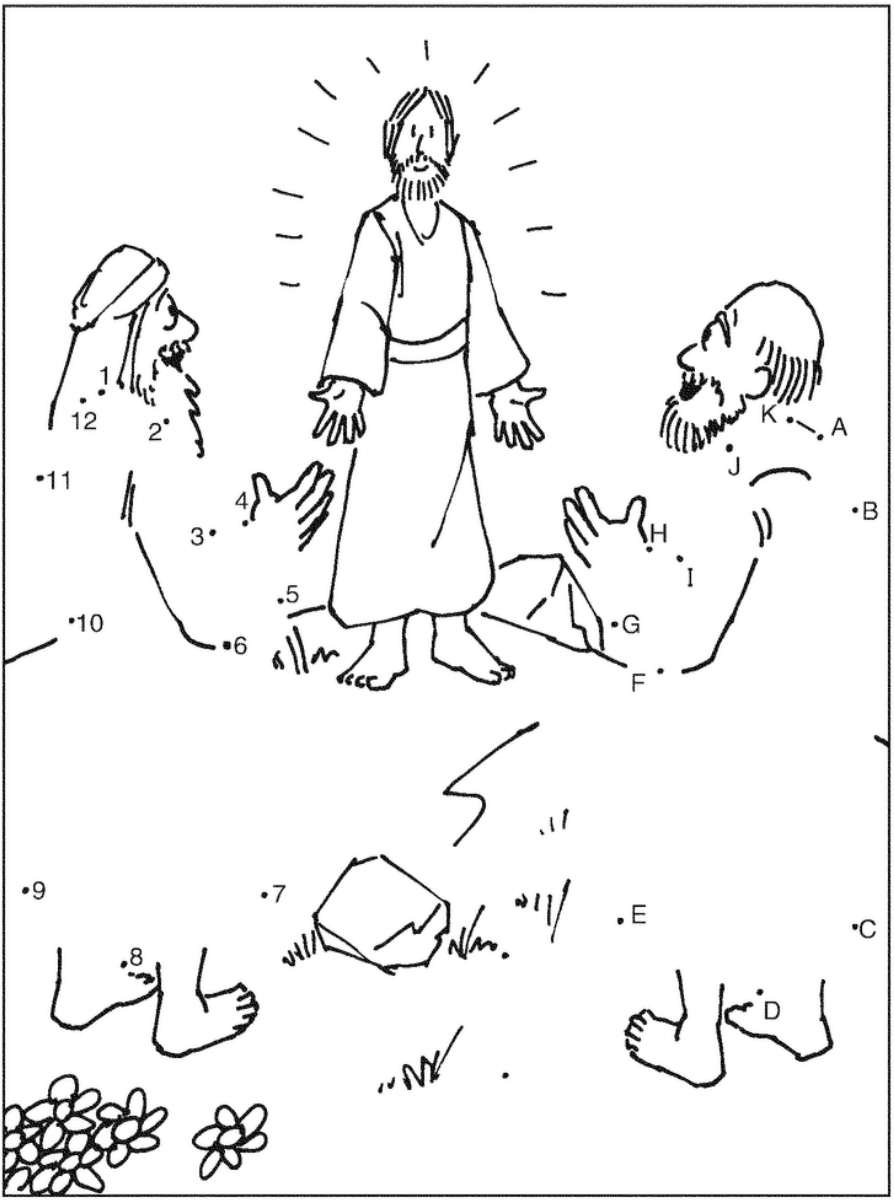
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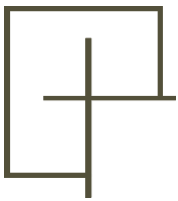


# KIDS' CORNER

Connect the dots.
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