



CORNERSTONE
Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day ~ November 19, 2023

Preparing for Worship

* God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Colossians 3:15-17 (Pew Bible p. 984)

* Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

* Praising Our God in Song

#98 Now Thank We All Our God

* Confessing Our Faith

The Shorter Catechism in Modern English, #18-21

18. What is sinful about man's fallen condition?

The sinfulness of our fallen condition is twofold. First, in what is commonly called original sin, there is the guilt of Adam's first sin with its lack of original righteousness and the corruption of our whole nature. Second are all our specific acts of disobedience which come from original sin.

19. What is the misery of man's fallen condition?

By the fall all of us lost fellowship with God and brought his anger and curse on ourselves. We are therefore subject to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

20. Did God leave all mankind to die in sin and misery?

From all eternity and merely because it pleased him, God chose some to have everlasting life. These he freed from sin and misery by a covenant of grace and brought them to salvation by a Redeemer.

21. Who is the Redeemer of God's chosen ones?

The only Redeemer of God's chosen is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who became man. He was and continues to be God and man in two distinct natures and one person forever.

God Speaks through His Word

Isaiah 44:1-8 (Pew Bible p. 604)

Going to God in Prayer

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

Choir Selection: Sing to the Lord of Harvest
followed by the Doxology together

Voice

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.



All 1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
Women 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your
Choir 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood. Or
Choir 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are
Men 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream Soon
All 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
 earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
 bears us all a - way; We fly for - got - ten,
 hope for years to come, Still be our guard while



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 you are God, To end - less years the same.
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.
 trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Psalm (89) 90,
 Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: ST. ANNE
 William Croft, 1678-1727
 Arr. John Ferguson

* Asking God to Open Our Hearts to His Word

God Speaks through His Word

Ephesians 1:1-14 (Pew Bible p. 976)

Blessed to Be Chosen

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Paul pulls back the curtain hiding God's eternal counsels to reveal the Father's unalterable purpose to bless his people with salvation.

He does this to make a specific and profound impact upon you.

For you have been chosen to stand acceptable before a Holy God in Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, you have been predestined to receive the full rights of adoption as sons in Jesus Christ.

* Responding to God's Word in Song

Father, Long Before Creation

1. Fa - ther, long be - fore cre - a - tion you had cho - sen us in love,
2. Though the world may change its fash - ion, you will still re - main the same;
3. Your com - pas - sion is our sto - ry, is our boast - ing all the day;
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther, now be - fore you we shall ev - er sing your grace,

and that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.
your com - pas - sion and your cov - 'nant through all a - ges will re - main.
mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves our will, di - rects our way.
and our song will sound for - ev - er when we see you face to face,

Still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
Your own chil - dren shall for - ev - er praise your name.
God so loved us that he gave his on - ly Son.
giv - ing glo - ry to the Lamb up - on the throne.

Chinese c. 1952
tr. Francis P. Jones, 1953, alt.

CORONAE 8.7.8.7.4.7.
William H. Monk, 1871

* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
(Choir Selection)

* Those who are able, please stand

Announcements

- Thank you for being part of our worship service this morning. Sunday School for all ages follows a time of fellowship downstairs after the service. Pastor Kisler is teaching the Adult Class on the topic: “The Great Divide: An Urgent Reclamation of the Lessons of Machen’s *Christianity & Liberalism*.” Please join us as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior in fellowship with one another.
- To close out the Lord’s Day, we gather again at 5 PM (please note the new time!). This evening’s sermon is entitled “Jesus Holds Leaders Accountable” from Mark 12:35-40. Join us as we meet with our Savior to sing, pray, and grow in God’s Word. Evening service meets in Rm. 209. Though we recommend attending in-person, you can access the service via Zoom at www.cornerstonepresbyterian.org/live-streaming-events by registering under “Sunday Evening Service”.
- Please prayerfully consider contributing to this year’s Thank Offering in support of the World Wide Outreach of our denomination. You can use the Donate page of our website (being sure to select “OPC Thank Offering”) or write “Thank Offering” on the memo line of your check.
- Are you interested in seeking membership at Cornerstone? We’re planning a membership class early in the new year and would love to have you join us! Please let Pastor Kisler know your interest.
- Thank you to all who packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. Please pray for the recipients of our boxes!
- There is still time to contribute financially to the Barnabas Aid Fund. This amazing ministry provides assistance to our suffering global family and would benefit greatly from your support. Please make checks payable to Cornerstone with “Barnabas Aid” in the memo line.
- Our December Take-A-Break night is fast approaching. This is a night where we invite parents and caregivers from our community to “Take A Break” by dropping off the kids, and we help the kids make Christmas gifts for their families. The date is **Friday, December 1st** from 6-9pm. Please let Jan know if you are free to help out with this event.
- Helping with this morning’s service are Charlotte Giebel (musical accompaniment), Rich Reem and Micah Reem (ushers), Carol Van Scoter (nursery), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

Weekly Calendar

19	NOV, SUN	● 10 – 11am	In-person Morning Worship + YouTube
		● 11:30am – 12:15pm	In-person Sunday School + YouTube (Adult Class)
		● 5 – 5:45pm	In-person Evening Worship + Zoom
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21	NOV, TUE	● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Support Group Meeting
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22	NOV, WED	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Men’s Prayer on Zoom
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