



The Lord's Day ~ December 3, 2023
The First Sunday of Advent

Preparing for Worship

* God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible p. 573)

* Seeking God's Blessing on Our Worship

* Praising Our God in Song

#196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

* Declaring Our Faith

From the Heidelberg Catechism #16-19

The Mediator must be a true and righteous man because God's justice requires that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for its sin; but a sinner could never pay for others.

The Mediator must also be true God so that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear in his humanity the weight of God's wrath, and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

This Mediator who is true God and at the same time true and righteous man is our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us for our complete deliverance and righteousness.

We come to know that Jesus is the Mediator sent by God because the holy Gospel tells us. God himself began to reveal the Gospel already in the Garden; later, he proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets, and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and finally, he fulfilled it through his own beloved Son.

Going to God in Prayer

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

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.

* Asking God to Open Our Hearts to His Word

God's People, God's Possession

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Even while showing you the rich inheritance you have in Christ, Paul points to another staggering truth: God has claimed you as his own inheritance, his precious possession.

God's highest motive

God's unfailing purpose

God's comforting reassurance

1. To him who loved us long a - go, be - fore we came to be,
 2. To him who freed us from our sin by dy - ing on the cross,
 3. To him who comes ar - rayed in light, when sin - ners here shall see
 4. With an - gels, saints, and ser - a - phim the new cre - a - tion sings,

who left his throne for earth be - low to save a wretch like me:
 to make us whole with - out, with - in, re - deemed from dread - ful loss:
 the one they pierced and mourn the sight—God prom - ised; it shall be!
 “All glo - ry, pow’r, and praise to him who made us priests and kings.”

Refrain

All praise to Christ from grate - ful men for - ev - er - more. A - men.

based on Revelation 1:5-7
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Jesus Invites Us to His Table

Jesus Calls Us to Partake Worthily

Receiving the Bread & Cup in Faith

Presenting & Dedicating Our Deacons' Offering

* Praising God for His Grace in Word & Sacrament

#197 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

* 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 **tonight at 5 PM**. This evening’s sermon is entitled “Enduring to the End” from Mark 13:1-13. 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”.
- 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 all who helped at our Take-a-Break night last Friday. We had 25 kids register for the event!
- We look forward to our Community Service of Song and Scripture on the evening of **December 17th**. There are postcards available for you to use to invite family and friends.
- We would appreciate if each family could donate two dozen Christmas cookies for the reception that will follow the Service of Song and Scripture. Please drop them off in the church kitchen on the morning of December 17th. Thank you.
- Helping with this morning’s service are Elise van der Jagt (musical accompaniment), Dan Lash and Tom Doyle (ushers), Barb Reem (nursery), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

Weekly Calendar

3	DEC, 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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5	DEC, TUE	● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Support Group Meeting
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6	DEC, WED	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Men's Prayer on Zoom
		● 6:45 – 8pm	Kids Club
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8	DEC, FRI	● 9:30 – 11am	Ladies Bible Study - In-person + Zoom
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9	DEC, SAT	● 2 – 5pm	Private Recital
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