

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship | Ephesians 1:3-14

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

People: even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Pastor: In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

People: to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Pastor: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

People: In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Pastor: who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

All: Praise be to God!

*The Lord's Greeting | 2 Corinthians 1:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn 110 | Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Call to Confession | Numbers 6:22-27

Prayer of Confession

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are the God who delights in blessing your needy and beloved people. When we look at our hearts and lives and consider the sins we have committed in thought, desire, word, and deed in this past week, we marvel that you would pronounce blessing upon us. Our sins, like Israel's, are many and grievous. We have failed to hallow your name in our hearts and to rightly represent you with our lives. We confess that in ourselves we are deserving of your curse. But we praise you, Father, that in love you gave your only-begotten Son to take our curse. We praise you, Lord Jesus, that in grace you gave yourself for our sins. And we praise you, Holy Spirit, that in power you have caused us to know the love of the Father and the grace of the Son. Help us to experience these gospel realities afresh this day in the depths of our souls. Cleanse and renew us by your grace as we resolve to walk in your way under your blessing. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Hymn 455 | And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings [Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC]

Hymn 101 | Come, Thou Almighty King

Prayer of Dedication

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text | 2 Corinthians 13:14

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Title | Our Triune God (IV)

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 660 | O God Beyond All Praising

*Confession of Faith | Second Helvetic Confession III.3

We believe and teach that the same infinite, one, and indivisible God is in person inseparably and without confusion distinguished into the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: so, as the Father has begotten the Son from eternity, the Son is begotten in an unspeakable manner; and the Holy Spirit proceeds from them both, and that from eternity, and is to be worshiped with them both. So that there are not three Gods, but three persons, consubstantial, coeternal, and coequal; distinct, as touching their persons; and, in order, one going before another, yet without any inequality. For, as touching their nature or essence, they are so joined together that they are but one God; and the divine essence is common to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*Benediction

*Hymn 731 | Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Denotes congregation to stand, as able

OUR TRIUNE GOD (IV)

Our God Beyond All Praising - 2 Corinthians 13:14

I. The benediction endows us with a threefold revelation of God.

II. The benediction enjoins us to a threefold relation to God.

III. The benediction enlists us in a threefold restoration through God.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why would John Owen define our communion with God as a two-way communication in giving and receiving? What does he mean? And how does this play itself out in public worship?
2. Is the benediction a prayer or a proclamation?
3. Pastor Nick likened the benediction to a denouement or a dessert? What did he mean?
4. Where does the idea of concluding public worship with a benediction come from?
5. According to Numbers 6:27 whose name is put on God's people in the benediction? What do we learn about that name in 2 Corinthians 13:14? How does this relate to Jesus's institution of baptism in Matthew 28:19?
6. How does Paul talk of the distinct communion we have with each of the Persons of the Trinity? How are divine grace, divine love, and divine fellowship related to one another?
7. How is the benediction a recipe for revival?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Is my spiritual life a monologue? Do I only read God's word and neglect pray and praise? Do I only pray and neglect God's word? Why does a healthy relationship to God require dialogue?
2. How is every willful sin I commit a failure to find my blessedness in the Triune God? How has God designed the benediction to reorient my wayward heart?
3. Do I tend to view the benediction as a time to zone out or to duck out? Why is such an idea utterly insane?

Lord's Day Worship

CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“There was no more glorious mystery brought to light in and by Jesus Christ than that of the holy Trinity, or the subsistence of the three persons in the unity of the same divine nature. And this revelation is made unto us, not that our minds might be possessed with the notions of it, but that we may know aright how to place our trust in him, how to obey him and live unto him, how to obtain and exercise communion with him, until we come to the full enjoyment of him.”

—John Owen

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