

*Hymn 13 | O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Covenant Faithfulness | Matthew 4:1-11; 9:14-17

Confession of Faith | The Nicene Creed (TH, 846)

Prayer for Global Missions

Our Missionaries | Haiti

Country of World | Suriname

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

Hymn 649 | More Love to Thee, O Christ

Offertory Prayer

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Matthew 6:16-18

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Fasting Before the Face of God

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 662 | As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's 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.

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME

We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

NURSERY

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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FASTING BEFORE THE FACE OF GOD

Matthew 6:16-18

I. True fasting is a willful abstaining from food *for the sake of praying and giving.*

II. True fasting is a willful abstaining from food *by kingdom disciples.*

III. True fasting is a willful abstaining from food *as an expression of Godward agony and appetite.*

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is fasting? Is it possible to fast from other things besides food?
2. How does Jesus's teaching on fasting relate to His prior teaching on praying and giving? Why does fasting come last?
3. Why doesn't Jesus say, "If you fast..."? Does He assume that His followers will fast (cf. Mk. 2:18-22)?
4. What sets apart Christian fasting from every other kind of fasting?
5. What kind of heart is sincere fasting driven by?
6. In discouraging hypocrisy, isn't Jesus encouraging it when He tells us to not have an outwardly gloomy appearance as we fast? Would this not be putting on a false external that doesn't accord with the mournful spirit from which fasting flows?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Is fasting a regular part of my spiritual walk? Why, or why not?
2. What sinful motivation am I most tempted toward when it comes to fasting? What is a fitting Bible passage to counter it?
3. How could I grow in the discipline of fasting? And why should I want to grow in it?



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 2, 2023 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 69

Pastor: Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

People: I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

Pastor: For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

People: When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach.

Pastor: But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.

People: Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Pastor: I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

People: When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

Pastor: For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; the offspring of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.

*Prayer of Adoration