

***Prayer of Confession**

Ruler of kings on earth, how quickly our hearts trust in the creature rather than the Creator. Like Hezekiah, we have looked to earthly politics, prosperity, popularity, and power for salvation instead of depending upon you alone. Rather than being transformed by your words, we have been conformed to the world's words. Babylon has allured us, and we have responded by compromising our distinct identity as your chosen exiles in our thoughts, desires, words, and actions. Forgive us, dear Lord. Renew a right spirit within us so that though in the world, we might not be of it. In Jesus' name. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 53:11

***Hymn 252 | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

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

Hymn 599 | Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (vv. 1-3)

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Daniel 1:1-21

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The Faithful God of Faithful Exiles

Prayer of Application

***New Songs 4 | Come, People of the Risen King**

***Confession of Faith | Psalm 20:7**

Pastor: Beloved, what is the object of your faith and hope?

People: Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

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 morning! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

NURSERY

We believe God covenants with households, and so we encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families who are interested, a staffed nursery is available during the morning service for ages 0-3. Please ask the usher for more information.

FELLOWSHIP

Following the morning service, we will enjoy a fellowship meal together. We would love for you to join us and give us an opportunity to get to know you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to fall break, Sunday school classes will not meet today.

EVENING WORSHIP

You are warmly welcome to join us at 6:00pm as we assemble again to close out the Lord's Day in public worship!

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THE FAITHFUL GOD OF FAITHFUL EXILES

Daniel 1:1-21

I. God exiles an unholy nation to Babylon (vv. 1-5).

II. God exalts a holy remnant in Babylon (vv. 6-21).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What does it mean to be an exile? What are some of the rotten fruits that result from Christians failing to understand they are in exile?
2. How do the two literary genres and two languages used in Daniel help us to understand the structure of the book and the purpose of chapter 1?
3. What are the three actions directly attributed to God in the first chapter? How do they help us to understand the whole book?
4. Was the exile an accident? How was it a display of God's faithfulness?
5. What tactics did Nebuchadnezzar use to strip Daniel and his friends of their religious identity? How does our world use similar tactics today?
6. Why did Daniel and his friends refrain from the rich food provided by Nebuchadnezzar? How does that apply to us in our exile?
7. Why does Daniel 1 end be fast-forwarding to the rise of the Persian empire? What does it teach us?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Does exile come to mind when I ponder the nature of the church on earth and my identity in Christ?
2. As I consider the rotten fruit of fleshly rage, retreat, and renovation, which am I most prone to? Why? How does Daniel 1 and the broader book help me in the fight against this?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:1-9. What does this teach me about the exilic existence of those who are in Christ?



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

October 15, 2023 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship | Psalm 13**

Pastor: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

People: How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Pastor: Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

People: lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

Pastor: But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

People: I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

***God's Greeting | 1 Peter 1:1b-2**

To those who are elect exiles...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

***Psalms 5 | Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD**

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Isaiah 39:1-8