

## Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we praise you as the Cornerstone of God's temple and the King of God's kingdom. What an amazing privilege it is to be called out of this dark world to bask in the gospel light of your temple-kingdom. Yet how often we spurn such privilege, returning to moral darkness. Forgive us for the sins we have committed against you in the past week. Pardon us for our failure to serve you in all our thoughts, desires, words, and actions. Cleanse us from the dishonor we have shown toward those you have put in authority over us, whether in the civil, ecclesiastical, or domestic sphere. Help us to serve you with holy and honorable lives during our exile so that we might be light and salt unto your glory. Amen.

## God's Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

## Acclamation of Praise | Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## \*Hymn 441 | Jesus Shall Reign

## GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

### Prayer of Intercession

## Presentation of Tithes & Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

**New Songs 10** | Nearer, Still Nearer (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Prayer of Dedication

## God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Daniel 2:24-49

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | A Philosophy of History of Humble Pilgrims

Prayer of Application

## GOD BANQUETS WITH US

## God's Call Through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Explanation of the Meal

Praying and Partaking of the Meal

## Diaconal Offering

Hymn 295 | Crown Him with Many Crowns

## \* Confession of Faith

Pastor: What is history moving toward?

**People:** The end when Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Pastor: What will the redeemed declare on that day?

**People:** The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

## 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, coffee and snacks are available in the fellowship hall. We encourage you to stick around and give us an opportunity to get to know you!*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Sunday school classes will meet today for ages 4+ at 11:45am. Please ask the usher for more information.*

### 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!*

# A Philosophy of History of Humble Pilgrims

*Daniel 2:24-49*

I. Heaven's *revelation* exposes the *impotence* of Nebuchadnezzar's court (vv. 24-30).

II. Heaven's *rule* exposes the *impermanence* of Nebuchadnezzar's crown (vv. 31-45).

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the difference between the words of Arioch and Daniel as they stand before the king?
2. What is humility? How does possessing God's wisdom in His word tempt us to pride in our exile? Why should it instead lead us to humility?
3. Though we probably won't ever stand before presidents and kings like Daniel, what opportunities do we have to show the world the goodness of God's wisdom?
4. What was the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream a symbol of? Can you remember the four kingdoms it represented?
5. What happened to the statue in the dream? When and how was this fulfilled in history?
6. President Biden said recently that America will stand forever. Is that true? How does the dream in Daniel 2 teach us to think about the nation in which we live?
7. How do Daniel and his friends teach us to live as chosen exiles in an idolatrous earthly nation that will not endure for all time?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Does my heart tend to be puffed up with moral and spiritual superiority as I compare myself to my unbelieving neighbors? Why is a God complex most unbefitting of a Christian?
2. In this dangerous historical moment, how does Nebuchadnezzar's dream set before me the basis of unshakeable peace, joy, and hope?
3. Am I more prone to fall into the ditch of fleshly retreat or fleshly renovation? How does Daniel 2 understood in its broader biblical context keep me from both of these errors?



*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 29, 2023 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

#### \*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 2

Pastor: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed.

**People: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.**

Pastor: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**People: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

Pastor: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

#### \*God's Greeting | Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### \*Psalms 5 | Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord

#### God's Call to Confession | 1 Peter 2:4-17