

Pastor: Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. And the people were shouting, 'The voice of a god, and not of a man!' Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

People: Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Acclamation of Praise | Psalm 149:1, 4

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Reception of New Members

Heidi Barr, Jonathan and Lesley Boyd, Keith, Crystal, Jason, Victoria, and Jeb Cochran, Joseph and Lydia Cochran, Isabel Cowart, Christian Nguyen, and Brien Pafford

*New Songs 15 | Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

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

Hymn 67 | Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Daniel 4:1-37

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Heaven Rules, Nebuchadnezzar Drools

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 302 | Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Confession of Faith | Psalm 2

Pastor: How does God respond to earthly rulers who pridefully fight against Him?

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

Pastor: What is the church's message to such proud and godless rulers?

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

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 731 | Doxology

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 and congregational forum, 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 a congregational forum that will follow the morning service, Sunday school classes will not be meeting 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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HEAVEN RULES, NEBUCHADNEZZAR DROOLS

Daniel 4:1-37

I. The Most High rules *history* (vv. 4-27).

- A. Heaven confounds the haughty (vv. 4-18).
- B. Heaven confirms the humble (vv. 19-27).

II. The Most High rules *humanity* (vv. 28-37).

- A. Heaven confounds the haughty (vv. 28-33).
- B. Heaven confirms the humble (vv. 34-37).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What are pride and humility? How do this vice and virtue relate to reality?
2. Why is prosperity more dangerous than poverty? How is this seen in Nebuchadnezzar?
3. What makes Nebuchadnezzar's dream so scary? Were his worldly wise men able to interpret it for him?
4. Why did Nebuchadnezzar wait to call Daniel last? Why did he call Daniel by his Babylonian name?
5. How does Daniel evidence both love and courage in his interpretation of the dream? How does living in the presence of God enable us to have both even when in the hands of wicked tyrants?
6. Did Nebuchadnezzar repent after Daniel interpreted the dream? What happened to him as a result?
7. How was Nebuchadnezzar's sanity and kingdom restored? How is this story a parable of all of us in our pride?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is true humility? How does this story teach me that humility is obtained?
2. How has God used trials and temptations in my life to deliver me from my prideful anti-reality?
3. What achievements, relationships, opportunities, or abilities do I tend to take credit for? How does a passage like 1 Corinthians 4:7 put me in my rightful place?
4. Why is the lesson, "Heaven Rules," so hard for me to learn?



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

November 19, 2023 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Luke 1:46-55

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

People: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

Pastor: he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

*God's Greeting | Revelation 1:4-5

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

*Hymn 76 | Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (vv. 1, 3, 5)

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Acts 12:20-23; Proverbs 16:18