

***New Songs 5** | Wonderful Merciful Savior

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Isaiah 11:1-10

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 12:1-2

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism 21

Pastor: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

People: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

***Hymn 194** | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

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

Hymn 196 | Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Luke 1:28-56

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Mary's Blessed Condition

Prayer of Application

***Hymn 208** | O Come, All Ye Faithful!

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 Sunday school, 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

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!

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MARY'S BLESSED CONDITION

Luke 1:38-56

I. Blessed Mary is *the lowly minister* of the saving God (v. 38).

II. Blessed Mary is *the lofty mother* of the saving God (vv. 41-45).

III. Blessed Mary is *the lovely magnifier* of the saving God (vv. 46-55).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why would the news of Mary's pregnancy be difficult for Mary to receive? How does that make her response in v. 38 all the more remarkable?
2. Pastor Nick said that "slave of God equals joyous freedom." How could that be?
3. What gave rise to Elizabeth's song? What did she sing about?
4. Is it proper to speak of Mary as the mother of God? Why, or why not?
5. What does Mary mean when she sings of magnifying God in v. 46? Do you remember the difference between a magnifying glass and a telescope?
6. Was Mary without sin? How might you use Mary's song to prove your answer?
7. In light of this text, how ought we to view Mary? And how does that view of Mary help us to reckon more with the Christ-child in her womb?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Is my only comfort in life and death that I am not my own but belong entirely to God in Jesus Christ? Is there any aspect of my life that I have not surrendered to Him?
2. How does Mary's grasp of the Old Testament both encourage and convict me?
3. How do I view Mary? How might I respond to wrong views of Mary that either unduly exalt or degrade her?



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

December 17, 2023 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Pastor: My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.

People: There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

Pastor: Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

People: Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

Pastor: The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

People: He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.

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

To the saints who are...faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.