

***New Songs 2** | O the Deep, Deep Love

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Jeremiah 32:26-35

Prayer of Confession

Oh Lord, the nation of Israel suffered your just wrath for sacrificing their babies to the gods. Spurning your law and gospel, they burned alive their own sons and daughters to Molech. While you haven't entered into a special covenant with the United States, we too have been the recipients of your truth, and we too have spurned it. We have slaughtered untold millions of our own children upon the altar of bodily autonomy. There is the blood of genocide upon our national hands, a genocide legislated by our civil authorities, justified by our academic authorities, and celebrated by the masses. We deserve as a nation to be consumed in your wrath. But God of vengeance, we pray that in your wrath you would remember mercy. Send forth your word to bring us to our moral and spiritual senses as a church and as a nation. Wake us up to the incomparable dignity of human life from the womb to the tomb. Turn our hearts and the hearts of our leaders to Christ in repentance and faith so that we might wash in the fount of blood flowing from Immanuel's veins and be saved. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Jeremiah 32:39; 31:34

I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

***Psalms 4** | When Zion's Fortunes God Restored

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

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

Hymn 331 | Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Genesis 9:5-6; Romans 13:1-4

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | "Mr. President, Pro-Life Is Not Optional!"

Prayer of Application

***Hymn 713** | Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

***Confession of Faith** | Westminster Confession 23.1

Pastor: What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?

People: God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under him, over the people, for his own glory, and the public good: and, to this end, hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evildoers.

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 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!

“MR. PRESIDENT, PRO-LIFE IS NOT OPTIONAL!”

Genesis 9:5-6; Romans 13:1-4

I. *Murderers* elicit divine wrath.

II. *Magistrates* execute divine wrath.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is abortion? Is it a political issue or a moral and theological issue? Why?
2. Why did God destroy the world in a flood (see Gen. 6:13)? Having promised to not do it again, how does He now exercise His vengeance on violent murderers?
3. Why does God allow humans to spill innocent animal blood (Gen. 9:3), but not innocent human blood (Gen. 9:5)?
4. What arguments does our culture make to say that abortion is not murder? How would you respond to those arguments with both theology and science?
5. Who does God call to execute His vengeance upon murderers? Is such vengeance left up to mere individuals?
6. Pastor Nick argued that civil leaders who support abortion are failing in their most fundamental duty before God. Do you agree?
7. What are the implications of Genesis 9 and Romans 13 (understood in their broader biblical and theological context) for how American Christians should approach the upcoming presidential election?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I view my responsibilities as a citizen in a representative democracy through the lens of a biblical worldview?
2. Have I been more shaped by the world in my thinking on abortion and the responsibility of civil leaders to promote life than I have by God’s word?
3. How does the message of the gospel not allow me to be callous and prayerless about my nation’s slaughter of millions of little ones in the name of healthcare?
4. Do I agree with Pastor Nick’s statements about “one-issue” voting? Why, or why not?



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

January 21, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God’s Call to Worship | Psalm 94

Pastor: O LORD, God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, shine forth! Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve!

People: O LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult?

Pastor: They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast. They crush your people, O LORD, and afflict your heritage. They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless; and they say, “The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive.”

People: Blessed is the man whom you disciple, O LORD, and whom you teach out of your law, to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.

Pastor: For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

People: Wicked rulers band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.

Pastor: He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the LORD our God will wipe them out.

People: Praise the LORD!

*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.