

***God's Greeting** | Revelation 1:4-6

Pastor: 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.

People: 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.

***Psalms 3** | I Will Exalt You, O My God and King

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Psalm 46:1-11

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 32:5, 7

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Acclamation of Praise | Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 297 | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Daniel 7:1-28

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Gospel Hope When Our Worst Nightmares Come True

Prayer of Application

***Hymn 441** | Jesus Shall Reign

***Confession of Faith** | Heidelberg Catechism 123

Pastor: Which is the second petition of the Lord's Prayer?

People: "Thy kingdom come"; that is, rule us so by thy word and Spirit, that we may submit ourselves more and more to thee; preserve and increase thy church; destroy the works of the devil, and all violence which would exalt itself against thee; and also, all wicked counsels devised against thy holy word; till the full perfection of thy kingdom take place, wherein thou shalt be all in all.

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

***God's Benediction**

***Hymn 732** | 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.

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!

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GOSPEL HOPE WHEN OUR WORST NIGHTMARES COME TRUE

Daniel 7:1-28

I. Christ's people will be ravaged by man's bestial kingdom for a time.

II. Christ's people will be rewarded in God's celestial kingdom for eternity.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How does Daniel's nightmare in ch. 7 relate to Nebuchadnezzar's nightmare in ch. 2? What are the similarities, and what are the differences?
2. What are the four beasts pictures of? Why does God use the imagery of beasts?
3. How does John's vision of the beast in Revelation 13 draw upon these four beasts? What does this teach us about the enduring nature of the beasts Daniel saw?
4. Does Daniel 7 foretell the first coming of Christ or the second coming? Or both?
5. Who is the little horn, and when will he be destroyed?
6. How is the King who receives a kingdom from God in heaven different from the beastly kings on earth? Who is this one like a son of man?
7. Why is the Son of Man not mentioned in the interpretation of the vision? Who is mentioned in His place, and why should this be a tremendous comfort to us?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I tend to avoid apocalyptic prophesy because of intimidation? Why shouldn't I fear Daniel and Revelation?
2. Do I agree with Pastor Nick's interpretation of the fourth beast and the little horn in light of the clearer and fuller revelation of the New Testament?
3. How prominent of a role does gospel hope play in my day-to-day life? Would I profit from doing a deeper study of biblical eschatology (the doctrine of the last things)?



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

February 4, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Revelation 4:2-11

Pastor: At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind, and day and night they never cease to say,

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Pastor: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

People: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."