

Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith 33.1-3

Pastor: God hath appointed a day, wherein He will judge the world, in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father. In which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged, but likewise all persons that have lived upon earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.

People: The end of God's appointing this day is for the manifestation of the glory of His mercy, in the eternal salvation of the elect; and of His justice, in the damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked and disobedient. For then shall the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive that fullness of joy and refreshing, which shall come from the presence of the Lord: but the wicked, who know not God, and obey not the Gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast into eternal torments, and be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power.

Pastor: As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin; and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity: so will He have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 316 | The Mighty God, the Lord
Offertory Prayer

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Matthew 13:24-43
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Proclamation | Kingdom Come
Prayer of Application

*Hymn 353 | I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 733 | Doxology

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME

We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

NURSERY

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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KINGDOM COME

Matthew 13:24-50

I. The kingdom of heaven *has come subtly*.

II. The kingdom of heaven *is coming steadily*.

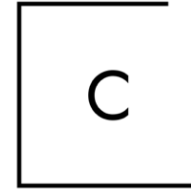
III. The kingdom of heaven *will come suddenly*.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. When the Jews read the OT prophets, how did they expect the kingdom of the Messiah to come?
2. What is a parable, and how does Jesus correct common misunderstandings about His kingdom through these six kingdom parables?
3. What is the main message of the parables of the weeds and the net?
4. What is the main message of the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven?
5. What is the main message of the parables of the treasure and the pearls?
6. How do all of these parables come together to teach us that God's kingdom will come in three distinct stages? What are those stages? And why is it important for us to understand them?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. In what way(s) does Christ through His kingdom parables correct my misconceptions concerning His kingdom?
2. Am I engaged in the patient work of sowing and growing as I await the future harvest?
3. Is Jesus and His kingdom worth losing everything in this life to me?



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

March 3, 2024 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Corporate Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Psalm 78:1-7; 111:2,10

Pastor: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

People: We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Pastor: He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

***Hymn 364** | Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call Through Scripture | 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12