

*Hymn 277 | Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we praise you for your resurrection and the hope of resurrection glory that we have in you. How quickly we forget the glory that awaits us, causing us to become excessively downcast beneath the trials and temptations we face in our exile. Worst still, we find in our hearts a sleepiness unbefitting of those who are awaiting the consummation of all things. Cleanse us by your bloody death. Renew our hope by your triumphant life. By your powerful Spirit, may we be among those who eagerly await your coming and hasten it by our holy lives, prayers, and witness. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Titus 2:11-14

*New Songs 5 | Wonderful Merciful Savior

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 32 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Daniel 12:1-13

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Exiles No More

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 706 | Jesus Lives, and So Shall I (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

*Confession of Faith | Westminster Larger Catechism 87 & 88

Pastor: What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

People: We are to believe that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to

their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by him, as an offended judge.

Pastor: What shall immediately follow after the resurrection?

People: Immediately after the resurrection shall follow the general and final judgment of angels and men; the day and hour whereof no man knoweth, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.

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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EXILES NO MORE

Daniel 12:1-13

I. Endure exilic suffering in light of *the certain triumph* of heaven's kingdom (vv. 1-4).

II. Endure exilic suffering in light of *the uncertain timing* of heaven's kingdom (vv. 5-13).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What was Tolkien's view of history? Do you agree with it? Why, or why not?
2. When v. 1 says "at that time," what time is it referring to (see 11:36-45)? What will happen then?
3. Read John 5:28-29 and Acts 24:15. How do these texts relate to v. 2? Why is the future bodily resurrection so important?
4. What are the two ways the saints are described in v. 3, and what does this tell us about how we should live as we await future glory?
5. Does the Son of Man answer the questions of the angel and Daniel? What does He leave shrouded in mystery?
6. Does anyone know the day or hour of Christ's coming? How should we respond when people claim that they do?
7. How does the certainty of Christ's return together with the uncertainty of its timing encourage us to live in the present?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Reflecting on all I have seen in Daniel throughout our sermon series, what is the philosophy of history that the book of Daniel sets forth?
2. Do the future realities of the Antichrist, the return of Christ, the bodily resurrection, the final judgment, and the eternal states of heaven and hell significantly shape how I approach life in the present? If so, how? If not, what could I do to change that?
3. How do both the certain triumph and the uncertain timing of Christ's kingdom help me to endure the particular trials and temptations I currently find myself under?



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 17, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship | Psalm 16 & 17**

Pastor: Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit! From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right!

People: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

Pastor: Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me.

People: Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life.

Pastor: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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