

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Ezekiel 34:1-10; 17-21

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Ezekiel 34:22-25

I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken. I will make with them a covenant of peace.

*Hymn 106 | Father, Father of All Things

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 348 | Jesus, with Thy Church Abide (vv. 1, 3, 5)

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Ephesians 4:7-16

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Anarchy No More

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 411 | Shine Thou upon Us, Lord

*Confession of Faith | Second Helvetic Confession Chapter 28

Pastor: What is God's purpose in raising up shepherd-teachers?

People: God has always used ministers for the gathering or establishing of a Church for himself, and for the governing and preservation of the same; and still he does, and always will, use them so long as the Church remains on earth. It is true that God can, by his power, without any means join to himself a Church from among men; but he preferred to deal with men by the ministry of men. Therefore ministers are to be regarded, not as ministers by themselves alone, but as the ministers of God, inasmuch as God effects the salvation of men through them.

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 the morning service, we encourage you to stick around and give us an opportunity to get to know you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday school classes today.

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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ANARCHY NO MORE

Ephesians 4:7-16

I. The exalted Christ *provides* His church with servants of the Word (vv. 7-11).

II. The exalted Christ *perfects* His church through servants of the Word (vv. 12-16).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Does the unity of the church mean that every member looks exactly the same? What does Paul mean when he speaks of Christ giving different grace to different believers?
2. What is the psalmist praising God for in Psalm 68, and how does Jesus in His humiliation and exaltation ultimately fulfill this psalm?
3. Can you explain what the distinct gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherd-teachers are? What do they all have in common? Does Christ still give all of these gifts today?
4. What is the difference between ruling elders and teaching elders? Do ruling elders still teach? Why, or why not?
5. How does the ministry of the word through elders equip every member in the body to serve with their unique gifts and opportunities?
6. Are we to serve only in deed, or also in word?
7. What happens when through the word-ministry of elders, every member is working properly? Why should this make us grateful to be Presbyterians?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. If someone asked me, "What does it mean to be presbyterian?", how would I respond?
2. As a member of Christ's body, am I working properly, using my Christ-given abilities and opportunities to serve others in both word and deed?
3. Do I tend to view service in the church only in a formal way? How does this text challenge me to think of service more broadly, relationally, and organically?



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

April 7, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship | Psalm 68**

Pastor: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

Pastor: You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

People: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Pastor: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

People: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Pastor: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

People: Blessed be God!

***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.

***Hymn 2 | O Worship the King (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)**