

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

*Hymn 500 | Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 106 | Father, Father of All Things

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Acts 6:1-7

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The Mercy of Presbyterianism

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 583 | Fountain of God, to Own Thy Love

*Confession of Faith | The Belgic Confession Art. 30 & 31

Pastor: How are ordained leaders to be raised up in the church?

People: We believe that ministers of the Word of God, elders, and deacons ought to be chosen to their offices by a legitimate election of the church, with prayer in the name of the Lord, and in good order, as the Word of God teaches.

Pastor: Why are ordained leaders to be raised up in the church?

People: By this means true religion is preserved; true doctrine is able to take its course; and evil people are corrected spiritually and held in check, so that also the poor and all the afflicted may be helped and comforted according to their need.

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 stick around after the service to give us an opportunity to get to meet you.

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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THE MERCY OF PRESBYTERIANISM

Acts 6:1-7

I. Deacons *supervise* the church's *mercy* ministry.

II. Deacons *support* the church's *word* ministry.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What was the complaint that arose in the Jerusalem church? Was it urgent? Was it important? Why, or why not?
2. Why was it wrong for the apostles to continue serving tables? What would they neglect if they continued overseeing the church's mercy ministry?
3. How did the apostles solve this urgent and important need? What does it teach us about the necessity of delegation?
4. What qualifications did the apostles set forth for the first deacons? Why are these three qualities so important for any leader in the church?
5. What is the relationship between the ministry of deacons and the ministry of elders? How do deacons support the work of elders?
6. How do both offices together represent the shepherd-care of Christ toward His needy sheep?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What made the temptation in Acts 6 the most subtle the church had faced up to that point?
2. Why is delegation so important? Why is it so hard?
3. Do I tend to undervalue deacons? How did this sermon challenge my thinking about the spirituality and vital importance of this sacred office?



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 21, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 146

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

People: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Pastor: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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

To all the saints in Christ Jesus with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn 57 | Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Ezekiel 22:1-16