

Pastor: But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**People: Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.**

Pastor: I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**People: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

Pastor: And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

### Prayer of Confession

#### God's Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**\*Hymn 188** | Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

### GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

#### Prayer of Intercession

#### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**Hymn 421** | Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness  
**Prayer of Dedication**

#### God's Call Through Preaching

**Scripture Reading** | Philippians 1:21-2:4

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Proclamation** | The Joy of Presbyterianism

**Prayer of Application**

### GOD BANQUETS WITH US

#### God's Call Through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Explanation of the Meal

Praying and Partaking of the Meal

#### Diaconal Offering

Hymn 646 | Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

#### \*Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism 1, 36, & 38

Pastor: What is the chief end of man?

**People: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.**

Pastor: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

**People: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.**

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**People: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

### GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

**\*God's Benediction** | Romans 15:13

**\*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 JOY OF PRESBYTERIANISM

*Philippians 1:21-2:4*

I. Spirit-filled elders *strive for the joy of the church* (1:21-26).

II. Spirit-filled churches *thrive unto the joy of the elders* (1:27-2:4).

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is joy? Can you distinguish between creational joy, counterfeit joy, and Christian joy? How does the pursuit of happiness drive how every person lives?
2. According to Philippians 1:25, what are the two ends of Paul's fruitful labor in the church?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:24. Why would joy be so central to gospel ministry? How do the four states of humankind (created, fallen, redeemed, and glorified) help us to understand this?
4. When Paul commands the church to "complete [his] joy" (2:2), what is he talking about? Isn't his joy rooted in Christ, not the church or his circumstances?
5. Why do faithful elders sometimes groan as they carry out their service in the church? Are groaning elders of any advantage to the church (see Heb. 13:17)?
6. How is Christ glorified in joyful leaders and laypeople?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I tend to view God as a kill-joy? Who is the true kill-joy, and how is God after my joy in the gospel?
2. Is the gospel ministry at Cornerstone expanding my joy in God? Why does this matter? How is joy a litmus test of the health of my soul?
3. Do I pursue after Christ, serve in the church, and relate to my elders in such a way that I'm spreading Christian joy?



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## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 12, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

#### \*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 16

Pastor: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**People: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: 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 | Jude 1b-2

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

#### \*Hymn 310 | Rejoice, the Lord Is King

### GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Galatians 5:16-26