

Prayer of Confession

Our great God and King, just as Israel's kings abused their power for selfish gain and forgot your law, so too our hearts are quick to serve self and to walk into the broad way of disobedience. Forgive us for the many ways we have gone our own way in this past week. Renew a right spirit within us so that we might run in the path of your commandments. We confess that our hope of salvation is not in man, not even the greatest of earthly rulers. Our only hope is in David's greater Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who as the God-man can alone clear our guilty records and subdue us to yourself. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*New Songs 2 | God of Grace

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 499 | Rock of Ages

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Psalm 18

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The Victory of God and His Anointed

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 92 | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism 26

Pastor: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

People: Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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, coffee and snacks are available in the fellowship hall. We encourage you to stick around and give us an opportunity to get to know 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 VICTORY OF GOD AND HIS ANOINTED

Psalm 18

I. God rescues His king through a shared *covenant* (vv. 1-5; 46-50).

II. God rescues His king through a shared *conflict* (vv. 6-19; 31-45).

III. God rescues His king through a shared *character* (vv. 20-30).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What did Chuck Colson mean by saying that the kingdom would not come on Air Force One? Does this mean we shouldn't care about the civil sphere?
2. Pastor Nick argued that Psalm 18 has a chiasmic structure. What does that mean? Do you agree that there is a clear chiasm in the psalm? Why, or why not?
3. What is highlighted in the first and last verse of the psalm, and how does it relate to covenant?
4. Why is it significant that David is called "the servant of the LORD" in the inscription? Who are the only two OT figures given this title? How does David's parallel description of the conflict in vv. 6-19 and vv. 30-45 help us to more fully appreciate the connection being drawn to these two figures?
5. Why does David focus so much on his own character in the middle of the psalm? How did David and Solomon ultimately fail in their loyalty to God, and what did it lead to?
6. Though David's throne was overthrown in exile, can we still sing this song today? How so?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I feeling anxious about the present political situation in our nation? If so, what does this say about where my hope lies?
2. Am I lovingly devoted to the Davidic Son of God, praising and promoting His victory over sin and Satan?
3. How might I pray this psalm today? How might I share this psalm to encourage believers and evangelize unbelievers today?



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

July 7, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | 1 Samuel 2

Pastor: My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD.

People: There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none beside you; there is no rock like our God.

Pastor: The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.

People: He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

Pastor: He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail.

People: The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.

*God's Greeting | Romans 1:7

To all those who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn 5 | God, My King, Thy Might Confessing (vv. 1, 2, 3, 6)

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 2 Samuel 7:8-16