

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

Call to Confession | Matthew 6:5-15

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

*Hymn 628 | Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

New Songs 11 | Speak, O Lord

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Psalm 20:1-9

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Earnestly Desiring Kingdom Victory

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 295 | Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Confession of Faith | Westminster Larger Catechism 191

Pastor: What do we pray for in the second petition?

People: In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come), acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan, we pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed, the gospel propagated throughout the world, the Jews called, the fullness of the Gentiles brought in; the church furnished with all gospel officers and ordinances, purged from corruption, countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrate; that the

ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted: that Christ would rule in our hearts here, and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him forever: and that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends.

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.

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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EARNESTLY DESIRING KINGDOM VICTORY

Psalm 20:1-9

I. *Bless* the holy *King* for the coming victory (vv. 1-5).

II. *Boast in* the holy *God* for the coming victory (vv. 6-9).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is “the village god syndrome”? How does the size of our petitions reveal the size of our god/God?
2. Who is speaking in vv. 1-5, and who are they speaking to? How do we know from the context?
3. Pastor Nick argued that vv. 1-5 are a benediction to the king. Do you agree? Why, or why not?
4. How does this royal blessing and prayer for the king’s victory in battle apply to us today? Is it proper to see this as a call to bless and pray for our civil leaders and to trust God for military victory? Why, or why not?
5. Read v. 7. Can you explain the contrast? What are the horses and chariots that we as the followers of the Son of David can so easily boast in? Why is it foolish to boast in anything save God?
6. Calvin defined prayer as “the chief exercise of faith.” What did he mean? How does Psalm 20 illustrate this?
7. How do you think our church is doing in prayer in light of this sermon? How could we grow in this area?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Does my prayer life reveal that I have a village god? Do I predominantly focus on small, temporal, physical, and personal matters in prayer?
2. What did Christ pray for throughout his earthly ministry (e.g., Jn. 17)? In what sense have these prayers not yet been realized in the fight against the forces of darkness, and how ought I to respond, especially in light of Psalm 20?
3. What are the modern equivalents of chariots and horses that I am personally tempted to put my trust in? How might I grow to boast only in the Lord?



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

September 1, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God’s Call to Worship** | Revelation 5:11-14

Pastor: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads and myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Pastor: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

Pastor: And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***God’s Greeting** | Revelation 1:4-6

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

People: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

***Psalms 2** | From Heaven O Praise the Lord!