

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Isaiah 53:1-10

Prayer of Confession

Our good Shepherd, we like sheep have strayed from you. In our sinful folly, we have convinced ourselves that we don't need you and that we know better than you. And even as those who have been saved in Christ, we still find ourselves shamefully prone to wander and to leave the God we love. Have mercy upon us. Judge us not according to our sins, but look upon us with favor though your righteous Son, the sinless sheep who was slaughtered in our place. Gather us in your good and merciful arms through Him. Be our Shepherd all our days. Be our Shepherd forevermore. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:25

...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.... For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*New Songs 5 | Wonderful Merciful Savior

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 85 | The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Psalm 23

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | He Leads Me All the Way

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 605 | All the Way My Savior Leads Me

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Sunday school classes will not be meeting 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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HE LEADS ME ALL THE WAY

Psalm 23

I. My Shepherd-king leads me *from His heart* (vv. 1-2).

II. My Shepherd-king leads me *into holiness* (v. 3).

III. My Shepherd-king leads me *through hardship* (v. 4).

IV. My Shepherd-king leads me *all the way home* (vv. 5-6).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Was David going through easy or hard times when he penned Psalm 23? How do the words of the psalm and its place in the psalter help us to answer that question?
2. How is Psalm 23 often abused today? How does understanding it as Christ's song keep us from such abuses?
3. What does it mean for God to be our shepherd? How does shepherd imagery relate to God's kingship?
4. Where are the green pastures and still waters that God leads us to throughout our wilderness pilgrimage? To what end does He bring us there?
5. What is a cast sheep, and how can we become like one? Who alone can restore us when we do?
6. If we walk in righteousness, does God promise a life free of suffering? If not, what does He promise His righteous people in their suffering? Why is this such a comfort?
7. How does the imagery of a royal feast in the royal palace in vv. 5-6 fit with the rest of the imagery of the psalm? How were these words fulfilled in Christ? How will they be fulfilled in those who belong to Christ?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I weary or worried? What does Psalm 23 hold out to me?
2. Read Romans 8:32. How does this provide greater insight into David's confession that he lacked nothing under God's shepherd care?
3. Do I know what it is to be continuously shepherded by God in Christ, and am I walking in the joyous assurance that He will lead me all the way to my eternal home?



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

December 1, 2024 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | 2 Corinthians 1; Psalm 34

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

People: who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Pastor: For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

People: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

People: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

***God's Greeting** | Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn 194** | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel