

## God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Matthew 24:15-31

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The End of the World As We Know It (Pt 1)

Prayer of Application

\*New Songs 14 | Creation Sings

## GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

\*God's Benediction

\*Hymn 733 | Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here  
below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## VISITING WITH US?

### WELCOME

*We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.*

### NURSERY

*We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.*

## CONNECT WITH US

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## THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT (PART ONE)

*Matthew 24:15-31*

I. Our Lord foretells climactic *desecration before* His coming (vv. 15-28).

II. Our Lord foretells climactic *defeat at* His coming (vv. 29-31).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Can you explain the difference between the preterist and futurist interpretations of Matthew 24? Which has Pastor Nick been advocating? What do you think?
2. What OT prophet does Jesus point back to when He speaks of “the abomination of desolation” (v. 15)? What happened in Israel’s history prior to Christ’s first coming that fulfilled this prophesy? If it had already been fulfilled, how could Jesus speak of it as still future?
3. What are some indications in the text that Jesus is foretelling an event that would happen within the lifetime of the apostles? What is the “great tribulation” He speaks of, and how does He call His disciples to respond?
4. What was the siege of Jerusalem and the desecration of its holy place by the Romans a rehearsal for? How does Daniel teach us this? How does 2 Thessalonians 2 teach us this?
5. Why is it important for disciples to have a realistic understanding of the future? How does our understanding of the end change the way we live now and enable us to persevere?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I ever had unrealistic expectations that led me to be unprepared for the future? Why are expectations so significant?
2. Is the analogy of a rehearsal and a wedding helpful in understanding the relationship between Christ’s judgment on Jerusalem and His judgment on the world? Why, or why not?
3. How do Christ’s words here call me to prepare for the future?



*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 15, 2024 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Corporate Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

**\*God’s Call to Worship** | Psalm 134

Pastor: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**People: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!**

Pastor: May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

**\*Hymn 227** | On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

### GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

**God’s Call Through Scripture** | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

**Confession of Faith** | The Apostles’ Creed (TH, 845)

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn 217** | All My Heart This Night Rejoices (vv. 1, 2, 6, 7)