

***God's Greeting** | Ephesians 1:1b-4

Pastor: To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

***New Songs 5** | Wonderful Merciful Savior

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Matthew 5:3-12

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

***Hymn 261** | What Wondrous Love Is This

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 302** | Come, Christians, Join to Sing

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Psalm 24

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Our Holy Ascent

Prayer of Application

***Hymn 376** | Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

***Confession of Faith** | Westminster Larger Catechism 53

Pastor: How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

People: Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

***God's Benediction**

***Hymn 731** | Doxology

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

Sunday school classes will meet today for ages 4+ at 11:45am. Please ask the usher for more information.

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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OUR HOLY ASCENT

Psalm 24

I. None save the holy *man* can ascend Zion (vv. 1-6).

II. None save the holy *God* can ascend Zion (vv. 7-10).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is “cultural Christianity”? What does it fail to understand?
2. What is the historical context which likely gave rise to Psalm 24? How does this psalm rise above David and his historical circumstances? Who does it ultimately point us to?
3. What is the relationship between the declaration of God’s authority as Creator in vv. 1-2 and the questions of v. 3? Is there a relationship or are these two parts randomly thrown together?
4. What are the characteristics of the man who alone is fit to ascend God’s holy mountain in v. 4? Who does this ultimately describe?
5. Pastor Nick said that the last part of the psalm is antiphonal? What does that mean, and what is the scene being portrayed here?
6. How can the kingly man in vv. 4-5 be the kingly God in vv. 8 and 10?
7. What must we do to know the blessedness of God’s mountain both now and into eternity?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Why does the illusion of autonomy lead to the destruction of the individual, the family, and the broader society?
2. Am I living in humble submission to Jesus Christ and seeking the face of the blessed God in and through Him?
3. How does Psalm 24 provide a wonderful avenue for evangelism? How might I use it to share the gospel with someone who thinks Christianity is harmful to society? How might I use it to share the gospel with someone who espouses “cultural Christianity”?



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

February 2, 2025 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God’s Call to Worship** | Hebrews 12:18-29

Pastor: For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

People: But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Pastor: See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

People: At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”

This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

Pastor: Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.