

## Confession of Faith | Belgic Confession, Article 37

Finally we believe, according to God's Word, that when the time appointed by the Lord is come (which is unknown to all creatures) and the number of the elect is complete, our Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven, bodily and visibly, as he ascended, with great glory and majesty, to declare himself the judge of the living and the dead. He will burn this old world, in fire and flame, in order to cleanse it. Then all human creatures will appear in person before the great judge—men, women, and children, who have lived from the beginning until the end of the world. The books (that is, the consciences) will be opened, and the dead will be judged according to the things they did in the world, whether good or evil. Therefore, with good reason the thought of this judgment is horrible and dreadful to wicked and evil people. But it is very pleasant and a great comfort to the righteous and elect, since their total redemption will then be accomplished. They will be crowned with glory and honor. The Son of God will profess their names before God his Father and the holy and elect angels; all tears will be wiped from their eyes; and their cause will be acknowledged as the cause of the Son of God. And as a gracious reward the Lord will make them possess a glory such as the human heart could never imagine. So we look forward to that great day with longing in order to enjoy fully the promises of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

## Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory Prayer

## \*New Songs 13 | Romans Doxology

## God's Call Through Preaching

### Scripture Reading | Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

### Prayer of Illumination

### Scripture Proclamation | The Forever Satisfaction of Faithful Stewards

### Prayer of Application

## \*Hymn 586 | Take My Life, and Let It Be

## 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, 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 or scan the QR code 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 FOREVER SATISFACTION OF FAITHFUL STEWARDS

*Matthew 25:14-30*

I. Steward your Christ-given abilities and responsibilities *with energy* (vv. 14-18).

II. Steward your Christ-given abilities and responsibilities *with expectancy* (vv. 19-30).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. If the parable of the ten virgins called us to watch for the Lord, what does the parable of the talents call us to?
2. What is a talent? Why did the master give different numbers of talents to different servants? What spiritual reality does this correspond to?
3. What did the three servants do with their talents? What must we do with ours?
4. Why does serving Christ always entail risk, and how do we see that in this parable? Can you give an example from your life of the risk involved in using your abilities to seize upon opportunities and responsibilities given by Christ?
5. When the master returned, how did he respond to the three servants? Why did he respond in these ways? What does this teach us about the future judgment?
6. Why must sincere discipleship always be diligent discipleship? Why does “do-nothing Christianity” lead to hell?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Is my discipleship marked by risky rigor?
2. How do I perceive Christ, and how does that affect my service to Him or lack thereof?
3. What abilities has Christ given me? Am I using them and honing them for His glory and the advancement of His kingdom?
4. What responsibilities has Christ given me? Am I serving Him zealously in them in response to His love and grace and in the expectation of judgment day?



*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

March 9, 2025 PM

Welcome, Announcements, Trinity Hymnal Favorites, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

**\*God's Call to Worship** | Romans 11:33-36

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?**

Pastor: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

### GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

**God's Call through Scripture** | 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory. “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.