

\*Hymn 17 | Ancient of Days

## GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 6:1-14

Prayer of Confession | Henry Smith

O Lord, let not your law be a cursing to our consciences, but rather give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded, that you by your death have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this means have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom; and then we, being thus fully persuaded, may have quiet and settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8:1-4

Pastor: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

People: For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Reception of New Members & Baptism

**New Members** | Brad and Chad Eaton, Rod, Joanna, Anna, Laura, Gladys Jamison, and Mark, Jo, Jack, Finn, Cole, and Lucy Watne

**Baptism** | Brad Eaton

\*New Songs 16 | In Christ Alone

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 81 | O Love of God, How Strong and True

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Galatians 2:20

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Being Gospel People

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn 188 | Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

\*Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism 69 & 70

Pastor: How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

People: In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

Pastor: What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

People: To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

## GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

\*God's Benediction & Doxology

\*Please stand, if you are able

### 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 or scan the QR code so we can learn how best to serve you. Learn more about us online at [cornerstone-opc.org](http://cornerstone-opc.org).*

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.*

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!*

## BEING GOSPEL PEOPLE

*Galatians 2:20*

I. The old “me” has *died* in Christ (v. 20a).

II. The new “me” has *dawned* in Christ (v. 20b).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What are rites of passage, and what is the Christian rite of passage? How does it radically differ from rites of passage in other societies?
2. How could Paul say he was dead when he was still alive and able to write this letter?
3. By sharing in Christ’s death, did Paul lose his distinct personality? If not, what did he lose?
4. Who lives in Paul? Does this mean Paul wasn’t the one living anymore? If not, what did it mean?
5. Who must we live by faith in at all times? Where were the Galatians being tempted to put their faith instead? How can we be tempted to the same?
6. How did Israel’s baptism into Moses in the sea picture death and resurrection? And how does our baptism into Christ picture the same?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How often do I reflect upon my baptism and the spiritual realities it signifies and seals?
2. Do I know the joy of being delivered from the penalty and power of sin that characterized my old self in Adam?
3. Can I say from the depths of my soul that Jesus “loved *me* and gave himself for *me*”? Why is the personal appropriation of the gospel so vital?



*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

May 18, 2025 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

**\*God’s Call to Worship | Isaiah 12**

Pastor: You will say in that day:

**People: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”**

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

**People: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

**\*God’s Greeting | 1 Peter 1:1-3**

Pastor: To those who are elect exiles...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

**People: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**