

## Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism 26 & 27

Pastor: What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Pastor: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

## Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

Offertory Prayer

## \*New Songs 19 | Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

## God’s Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | James 1:2-4

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | “Rejoice, You Are Antifragile!”

Prayer of Application

## GOD BANQUETS WITH US

## God’s Call Through the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Explanation of the Meal

Praying and Partaking of the Meal

## \*Hymn 689 | Be Still, My Soul

## GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

### \*God’s Benediction

### \*Hymn 735 | Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

\*Please stand, if you are able

## 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. Learn more about us at [cornerstone-opc.org](http://cornerstone-opc.org).

### 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.

### SHOULD I PARTAKE?

If you are visiting with us, you may be wondering whether you should partake of the Lord’s Supper. In light of the teaching of Scripture, we warmly welcome you to the Table if you can affirm the following: you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation, you are repenting of sin and seeking to live for God, and you are a baptized, professing member of a gospel-preaching church. If you cannot affirm these things or are unsure, we ask that you refrain from partaking. Our pastor and elders would be glad to speak with you about these matters.

## CONNECT WITH US

[www.cornerstone-opc.org](http://www.cornerstone-opc.org)

# "REJOICE, YOU ARE ANTIFRAGILE!"

*James 1:2-4*

I. Exilic faith *encounters* trials with gladness (v. 2).

II. Exilic faith *endures* trials unto godliness (vv. 3-4).

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is "antifragility"? Can you give an illustration from the physical world? How does it apply to us spiritually?
2. Why doesn't James comfort these suffering Christians? Is he being a bad pastor when the first thing out of his mouth is a command about being joyful in trials?
3. What does it mean to "count it all joy"? Does this mean we can't be sorrowful or grieve when suffering? Can we complain and covet while still keeping this command?
4. Do we take joy in the trials themselves? If not, what is the relationship between our trials and our rejoicing?
5. How do trials prove the genuineness of our faith?
6. What does James tell us that suffering produces in us when it is responded to in faith?
7. How is Jesus the greatest example to us of being made perfect through suffering? What can we expect as we follow in His steps?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I given due consideration to the antifragility of my soul? How does this change my mentality toward trials?
2. Can I give an example of a time that God has used a trial to purify my faith, grow me in steadfast endurance, and make me more like Jesus? Why is it hard to see this in the moment but fairly easy to see after the fact?
3. Do I often complain or covet? How does James' teaching challenge me at this point, and what does real repentance look like?



*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

July 27, 2025 PM

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!**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn 624** | Through All the Changing Scenes of Life (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

## GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

**God's Call through Scripture** | Romans 5:1-11