

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn 673** | Cast Your Burden on the Lord

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | James 1:5-8

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Wisdom for Our Woes

Prayer of Application

***New Songs 23** | Still, My Soul Be Still

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!

*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.*

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.*

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WISDOM FOR OUR WOES

James 1:5-8

I. Seek God *for a wise heart* in exile (v. 5).

II. Seek God *with a whole heart* in exile (vv. 6-8).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why would William Ames define theology as “the doctrine of living to God”? Do you agree with this definition? Why, or why not?
2. What is wisdom? Why does James turn to the subject of wisdom after telling us about God’s good purposes in the trials we face?
3. What encouragements does James give us to ask God for wisdom in the complexities of our trials and the confusion that often accompanies them?
4. What is the one characteristic that our asking must have if it would be answered? Why?
5. What does James mean when he speaks of doubting? Is he saying Christians can never struggle with doubt? How does his imagery of a wave and his language of the double-souled help us to understand what he means?
6. In what specific ways can we be tempted to look to the world for wisdom in our trials instead of to the God of heaven?
7. Can you give a couple of examples in this passage where James clearly follows the teaching of Jesus in the sermon on the mount (Matt. 5-7)?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I sense my need of supernatural wisdom every day and seek it from my generous God in believing prayer?
2. In a recent trial, how was I tempted to look to worldly wisdom for guidance or deliverance? What worldly idol am I most prone to put my trust in when suffering?
3. If Jesus were to speak directly to me, would He address me as “dear heart” or “double heart”?



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

August 3, 2025 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Corporate Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God’s Call to Worship** | Job 38:1-11; 40:4-5

Pastor: Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

People: Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”

***Hymn 38** | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God’s Call Through Scripture | Proverbs 2:1-22

Confession of Faith | The Nicene Creed (TH, 846)