

## Confession of Faith | Belgic Confession, Art. 37

Pastor: 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. Then the books will be opened, and the dead will be judged according to the things they did in the world, whether good or evil. And then the secrets and hypocrisies of all people will be publicly uncovered in the sight of all.

People: 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 then receive the fruits of their labor and of the trouble they have suffered; their innocence will be openly recognized by all; and they will see the terrible vengeance that God will bring on the evil ones who tyrannized, oppressed, and tormented them in this world. The evil ones will be convicted by the witness of their own consciences, and shall be made immortal—but only to be tormented in “the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.” In contrast, the faithful and elect 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—at present condemned as heretical and evil by many judges and civil officers—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

**\*Hymn 599** | Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

## God's Call Through Preaching

**Scripture Reading** | James 1:9-12

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Proclamation** | The Reorienting Reversal

**Prayer of Application**

**\*New Songs 23** | Be 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, 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](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.*

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# THE REORIENTING REVERSAL

*James 1:9-12*

*God's eschatological reversal reorients our perspective on money, delivering us from greed.*

**I. In poverty and prosperity, *express heavenly boasting* by faith (vv. 9-11).**

**II. In poverty and prosperity, *expect heavenly blessing* by faith (vv. 12).**

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How do wealth and poverty relate to the theme of trials that James has been addressing in the introduction to his letter?
2. How is a pay raise as much of a trial as a pay cut? How does the devil use money to tempt us?
3. What are poor Christians to boast in? What are rich Christians to boast in? Why?
4. Is money itself bad? If not, why does the Bible warn us so much about it?
5. How does v. 12 relate to Psalm 1 and the present and future blessedness it holds forth to those who live according to God's wisdom rather than the world's wisdom?
6. What future hope does James assure true believers of? How does that hope affect the way we face our present trials?
7. Why do we have the tendency to not be concerned about the love of money?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I agree with Pastor Nick that prosperity is no less of a trial than poverty? Why, or why not?
2. How is my current financial situation testing my faith, and how is the devil seizing upon it to tempt me? Am I seeking God for wisdom in it and practically applying the certainties of my funeral and the final judgment to it?
3. Am I as concerned about the potential of idolizing physical prosperity as I am of idolizing physical pleasure?



*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 10, 2025 PM

Trinity Hymnal Favorites & Silent Prayer

## GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

### \*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 73

Pastor: Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

**People: But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.**

Pastor: Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

**People: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

### \*Prayer of Adoration

## GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

**God's Call through Scripture | Revelation 2:8-11; 3:14-22**