

## GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Ephesians 4:25-32

Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism 74 & 75

Pastor: What is required in the eighth commandment?

**People:** The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Pastor: What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

**People:** The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 1:18-19

...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

\*Hymn 254 | Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

## GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Our Presentation of Tithes & Offering

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 432 | We Give Thee But Thine Own (vv. 1, 2, 4)

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Exodus 21:33-22:15

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Prizing and Protecting Private Property

Prayer of Application

## GOD BANQUETS WITH US

God's Call Through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Explaining the Meal

Partaking of the Meal

\*New Songs 24 | His Mercy is More

## GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

\*God's Benediction

\*Hymn 731 | 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 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.*

FELLOWSHIP

*Following the morning service, coffee and snacks are available in the fellowship hall. We encourage you to stick around and give us an opportunity to get to know you!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Sunday school classes will meet today for ages 4+ at 11:45am. 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!*

## PRIZING AND PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY

*Exodus 21:33-22:15*

*As God's redeemed people, we must prize and protect the property of others.*

I. Just payment is to be made for *unintentionally* taking private property (21:33-36; 22:5-6, 10-15).

II. Just payment is to be made for *intentionally* taking private property (22:1-4, 7-9).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why did Karl Marx want to get rid of private property?
2. Why is the right to private property good? Which of the Ten Commandments sets forth this human right?
3. What is negligence, and how could it lead to someone's property being damaged or lost? How does God distinguish that from property lost by accident?
4. Why does God require double payment for stealing? How is that justice?
5. What would happen to a thief that could not pay back what he owed?
6. What did Jesus do for us since we couldn't pay back what we owe to God for our sin?
7. What did Zacchaeus do when he came to saving faith in Jesus? How does our faith in Jesus change the way we view people and their property?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How might I use this text or the eighth commandment to help someone see the evils of communism and the goodness of property rights?
2. What is the relationship between valuing human people and valuing human property? How does the structure of the book of the law help me to understand this relationship?
3. Is my heart being progressively transformed through Christ so that I am growing more and more to prize and protect human property?



*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

September 14, 2025 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

#### \*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 112

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**People: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Pastor: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

**People: He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

Pastor: He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!

**People: Praise the LORD!**

#### \*God's Greeting | Philippians 1:1b-2

To all the saints in Christ Jesus...with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### \*Hymn 9 | All You That Fear Jehovah's Name