

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

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn 327** | One Day He's Coming (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | James 4:11-12

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | "Christian" Character Assassination

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

***New Songs 5** | Wonderful Merciful Savior

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.

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.

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“CHRISTIAN” CHARACTER ASSASSINATION

James 4:11-12

Stop engaging in character assassination in the church.

I. Because such self-righteous arrogance *repudiates the law* (v. 11).

II. Because such self-righteous arrogance *replaces the Lawgiver* (v. 12).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is slander, and how is it different from gossip?
2. Why are we drawn to slander, and why do we tend to take pleasure in it?
3. How is it that when we slander and harshly condemn our neighbor, we actually end up speaking evil against and judging the law?
4. What commandments do we break when we slander? How exactly?
5. Who is the ultimate lawgiver and judge? How does coming to terms with this in our hearts deliver us from pride and slander?
6. Should Christians never make judgments about each other? What are right kinds of judgment in the church, and how are they different from what James is addressing here?
7. What should we do if someone speaks slander to us? What should we do if someone spreads slander about us?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I ever slandered or gossiped in the church? If so, what led me to do it and to find pleasure in it?
2. Why is slander such a heinous sin?
3. Looking back on everything James has called me to thus far in his letter, how is humility the path to it all? What am I doing to cultivate a humble heart in Jesus Christ?



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

November 23, 2025 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 97

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Pastor: Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.

People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Pastor: All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!

People: Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

Pastor: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn 48 | O Lord Most High, with All My Heart (vv. 1-4)

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | Matthew 7