

## Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

**\*New Songs 26** | Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

## God's Call Through Preaching

**Scripture Reading** | James 4:13-17

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Proclamation** | Deo Volente

Prayer of Application

**\*Hymn 30** | Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7)

## 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](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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## DEO VOLENTE

*James 4:13-17*

*Only by reckoning with God's identity and our own can we rightly plan for the future.*

### I. *Forsake a God-complex (vv. 13, 16).*

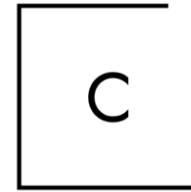
### II. *Foster a God-consciousness (vv. 14-15).*

#### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why do Christian books on productivity call us to plan and set goals? Isn't that precisely what James is telling us not to do in our text?
2. What was wrong with what the wealthy merchants were saying in v. 13? What was missing in their future plans?
3. What is boasting? What does James rebuke us for boasting in? What should be boast in instead?
4. What does James tell us about ourselves, and how does this change the way we view and relate to the future?
5. What does James tell us about God, and how does this change the way we view and relate to the future?
6. Pastor Nick mentioned the Latin phrase "Deo Volente". What does it mean, and what does it look like to live in light of it?

#### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Is my future planning prayerless or prayerful?
2. In what way(s) do I suffer from a God-complex, and how does James' teaching here reorient how I view myself and my calendar?
3. How does humility actually fuel a desire to seize upon the days and hours God gives me and to make the most of them? How are big aspirations and masterful plans not at odds with the downward disposition of a Godward self-perception?



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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

December 7, 2025 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Corporate Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

#### **\*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 90**

Pastor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Pastor: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**People: For a thousand years in your sight are but a yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

Pastor: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

**People: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Pastor: Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands.**

#### **\*Hymn 196 | Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

### GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

**God's Call Through Scripture | Ecclesiastes 2:1-26**

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