

## GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Exodus 20:2-17: Matthew 22:37-40

Pastor: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**People: You shall have no other gods before me.**

Pastor: You shall not make for yourself a carved image.

**People: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.**

Pastor: Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy.

**People: Honor your father and your mother.**

Pastor: You shall not murder.

**People: You shall not commit adultery.**

Pastor: You shall not steal.

**People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

Pastor: You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's.

**People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.**

Prayer of Confession | Martin Luther

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell.

Nevertheless, you have given me your Son, Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace you have given me this boundless blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to him. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 9:1-7

## GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Reception of New Members | Emily Cochran

Sacrament of Baptism | Enoch Cochran & Genevieve Cochran

\*New Songs 27 | Messiah

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

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 216 | Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | John 1:14

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Veiled in Flesh the Godhead See

Prayer of Application

\*New Songs 21 | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

\*Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism 21

Pastor: Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

**People: The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

## 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.*

EVENING WORSHIP

*You are warmly welcome to join us at 6:00pm as we assemble again to close out the Lord's Day in public worship!*

## VEILED IN FLESH THE GODHEAD SEE

*John 1:14*

*In His advent the Son of God fulfilled the goal of the tabernacle of old—intimate divine-human communion.*

### I. The eternal Son undertook our humanity (v. 14a).

### II. The incarnate Son unveiled His deity (v. 14b).

#### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. By not allowing the Israelites to come up Mount Sinai, was God communicating that He doesn't desire a relationship with them? Why do we need the rest of Israel's story to understand what is happening at God's mount?
2. What is the incarnation? Did Jesus only seem to become man, or did He really become a flesh-and-blood man?
3. What is the literally translation of "dwelt among us"? Why is this significant?
4. Did the Son stop being God when He became man?
5. How did Christ's humanity both veil and unveil the glory of God? How did the tabernacle of old do the same?
6. How can we be tempted to idolatry during the Christmas season? How does the true message of Christmas deliver us from it?

#### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I tend to view God as aloof? How does covenant history and the advent of Christ challenge this idea?
2. How has this sermon helped me to think about the tabernacle in our Exodus sermon series?
3. Have I succumbed to the consumeristic idolatry of the culture at Christmas time? How might I cultivate a greater spiritual sight of the incarnate Son to counteract that?



*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 21, 2025 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

### GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

#### \*God's Call to Worship | Luke 1:68-75

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

**People: to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

#### \*God's Greeting | Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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