

***God's Greeting** | Romans 1:7

To all those who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn 94** | How Firm a Foundation (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Hebrews 12:3-17

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8:1-4

Pastor: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

People: For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith 11.5

Pastor: Why do we pray for forgiveness if we are already justified in Christ?

People: God doth continue to forgive the sins of those that are justified; and, although they can never fall from the state of justification, yet they may, by their sins, fall under God's fatherly displeasure, and not have the light of his countenance restored unto them, until they humble themselves, confess their sins, beg pardon, and renew their faith and repentance.

***Hymn 528** | My Faith Looks Up to Thee

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Prayer of Intercession

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 612** | O Lord, Be Gracious to Me

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Psalm 38:1-22

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | A Severe Mercy

Prayer of Application

***New Songs 23** | Still, My Soul, Be Still

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.

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!

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!

A SEVERE MERCY

Psalm 38:1-22

Yahweh's disciplinary displeasure is a severe mercy.

I. His rod causes us to *suffer momentary misery.*

II. His rod causes us to *seek momentous mercy.*

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What did C. S. Lewis mean when he spoke of God's "severe mercy" to his friend? What is mercy, and why is God's mercy sometimes severe?
2. Why must discipline be painful? What do we learn from the pain of God's discipline?
3. How does David describe his painful experience, and why was he undergoing it?
4. At certain points in the psalm David speaks of his guilt, and in other places he speaks of his innocence? How could these both be true? How do each point us to Christ?
5. What is slander? How does David respond to the slander of his enemies? How did Jesus respond to the slander of His enemies?
6. What does the rod of God lead David to seek after? Why?
7. How does God discipline His children today, and what is He after when He disciplines us?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I experienced "a severe mercy" from the Lord? What was it, and how did God use it for good in my heart and life?
2. How do God's dealings with His children inform our parenting and how I think about something like gentle parenting?
3. How might I use Psalm 38 to encourage a brother or sister who is under God's fatherly rod?



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

May 3 2026 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Deuteronomy 11:1-4, 18-25

Pastor: You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land, and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day,

People: You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

Pastor: For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea. No one shall be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you.