

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 22:37-39

Pastor: And God spoke all these words, saying, 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 day, 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.

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.

Pastor: And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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 | Romans 5:1-2; Psalm 149:4

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

People: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

*New Songs 9 | Beneath the Cross

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 583 | Fountain of Good, to Own Thy Love

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 1:1-2

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Godward Authenticity

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 467 | Wonderful Grace of Jesus

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, so we encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. A staffed nursery, which can also be utilized as a cry room, is available during the morning service for ages 0-3. There is a separate nursing room available as well. Please ask the usher for more information.

GODWARD AUTHENTICITY

2 Corinthians 1:1-2

God is the determining factor of apostolic authenticity.

I. Paul's *ministry* to the church is from God (v. 1).

II. Paul's *message* to the church is from God (v. 2).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is authenticity, and how do different cultures understand it differently? How should Christians understand it?
2. What was the problem in the Corinthian church that led Paul to write this letter?
3. How does Paul introduce himself, and how does it take us to the heart of the letter itself?
4. How are the Corinthians themselves proof of the genuineness of Paul's apostleship?
5. Can you define grace and peace? Why does Paul always greet Christians with these words and always in this order? How do they provide a summary of his gospel?
6. What is the standard by which we should judge authentic leadership? What is the standard by which we should judge authentic Christianity? How can we be led astray into worldly ways of thinking in answering these questions?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How would I define authenticity, and why does it matter when it comes to leadership in the church?
2. Do I tend to zone out when the benedictory greeting is pronounced at the beginning of public worship? Why should I be fully engaged and amazed when these words are declared?
3. In what ways has the American church succumbed to worldly ways of thinking about its leaders? How can I fall prey to this too?



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

August 23, 2026 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 111

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

All: His praise endures forever!

*God's Greeting | 1 Corinthians 1:2-3

To the church of God...to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn 2 | O Worship the King (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)