

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Philippians 1:21-2:4

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8:31-34

Pastor: What then shall we say to these things?

People: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Pastor: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

People: It is God who justifies.

Pastor: Who is to condemn?

People: Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism 1, 36, & 38

Pastor: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Pastor: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

People: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Pastor: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

People: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

*Hymn 572 | Onward, Christian Soldiers (vv. 1,3,4,5)

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 559 | Father, I Know That All My Life

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | For Your Joy

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 188 | Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

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. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes will meet today for ages 3+ at 11:45am. 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!

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FOR YOUR JOY

2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4

The great goal of gospel ministry is Godward gladness.

I. “I’m seeking *your* joy” (1:23-2:1).

II. “I’m seeking *my* joy” (2:2-4).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is joy, and how is it related to strong relationships with both God and other humans?
2. Why did Paul delay his visit to Corinth? What was he seeking to spare them from?
3. In v. 24, what does Paul say he is working with the Corinthians for? How does this help us to understand the purpose of pastors and elders?
4. Did Paul enjoy disciplining and rebuking the church? Why not?
5. What did Paul do instead of journeying immediately to Corinth? Why?
6. How does Paul’s delay actually evidence the love of Christ rather than a vacillating and untrustworthy character?
7. Can you explain how joy is the great goal of the gospel?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What role do strong relationships play in my pursuit of genuine joy? Why is this?
2. How can I be tempted to view God as a kill-joy? Where do I seek counterfeit joy? How does faith in the gospel liberate me from these things?
3. What principles can I learn from Paul here for dealing with conflict in the 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

September 27, 2026 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God’s Call to Worship | Psalm 16

Pastor: I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

People: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

People: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*God’s Greeting | Revelation 1:4-6

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

People: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn 547 | With Harps and with Viols