

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Proverbs 14:31; 19:17; 21:13; James 2:5-6; 2 Cor. 8:1-4

Pastor: Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

People: Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

Pastor: Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.

People: Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man.

Pastor: We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints.

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism 31 & 32

Pastor: Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

People: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Pastor: But why are you called a Christian?

People: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

Profession of Faith | Julian Elliott, Liam Elliott, and Eoin Knox

***Hymn 559** | Father, I know That All My Life

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

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

***Hymn 692** | To You, O Lord, I Fly

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Psalm 41

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Poor for Our Sakes

Prayer of Application

***Hymn 707** | Jesus, I Thy Cross Have Taken

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!

POOR FOR OUR SAKES

Psalm 41

Yahweh stoops to save those who stoop to save the poor and weak in His name.

I. God's lowly king *preaches to himself* (vv. 1-3).

II. God's lowly king *prays for help* (vv. 4-10).

III. God's lowly king *praises in hope* (vv. 11-13).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is pity? How did Friedrich Nietzsche view it, and how does the Bible view it?
2. What psalm does Psalm 41 harken back to when it opens with a pronouncement of blessing? How does this help us understand Psalm 41?
3. What does it mean to consider the poor? What might it look like for our family to consider the poor?
4. What was happening to David when he wrote this psalm that would make the truths of vv. 1-3 a particular comfort to him?
5. Does being blessed mean that we never face days of trouble and seasons of hardship? Why, or why not?
6. How does this psalm find its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus? Why is that important to see if we are to rightly apply it to ourselves?
7. What does it mean to bless God? Why would David end this psalm and book one of the psalter here?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What are some examples of pity being discarded in our culture?
2. Have I experienced God's gospel pity in my spiritual poverty? How ought that to change the way I relate to the poor, weak, and vulnerable?
3. Have I considered as a Christian that behind God's frowning providences He hides a smiling face? Why is this always the case for God's people?



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

October 4, 2026 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** | Jude 1b-2

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

***Hymn 381** | Brethren, We Have Met to Worship