

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 | Henry Smith

O Lord, let not your law be a cursing to our consciences, but rather give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded, that you by your death have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this means have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom; and then we, being thus fully persuaded, may have quiet and settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

*Hymn 649 | More Love to Thee, O Christ

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 178 | There Is No Name So Sweet On Earth

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | How Sweet the Name of Jesus Smells

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 645 | Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Following the morning service, we will enjoy a fellowship meal together. We would love for you to join us and give us an opportunity to get to know you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to fall break, there will be no Sunday school classes today.

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!

HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SMELLS

2 Corinthians 2:12-17

The risen Christ spreads His triumph through faithful preachers.

I. Authentic ministry *sweetly propagates* (vv. 12-14).

II. Authentic ministry *solemnly polarizes* (vv. 15-17).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why was Paul's spirit restless while ministering in Troas? What does this show us about his heart for the Corinthians?
2. Who was ultimately in charge of Paul's itinerary? Why is this important to see?
3. What common image in the ancient world was Paul drawing upon when he spoke of Christ's "triumphal procession"?
4. What role do gospel ministers play in Christ's victory parade? How does the help us make sense of Paul's focus on smelling?
5. What is polarization? Why does the gospel bring it about?
6. How did the false teachers make the gospel less polarizing? Why must preachers not do that?
7. What does it mean to "speak in Christ"? What does union with Christ have to do with faithful preaching?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Pastor Nick claimed that we are "wired for glory." What did he mean, and how does this work itself out in the world and the church?
2. Is the gospel the fragrance of life unto life to me? What does this indicate about God's work in my heart and life?
3. Is the glory of God in Christ my prevailing passion? And does the preaching ministry of the church fuel that passion?



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 18, 2026 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship | Psalm 81**

Pastor: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

People: For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob. He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known: "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret palace of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah."

Pastor: "Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

***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 115 | All Creatures of Our God and King**