

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Galatians 5:1-26

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon | Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

*Hymn 470 | How Vast the Benefits Divine

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 335 | Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Commended by God

Prayer of Application

*New Songs 15 | Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 731 | Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*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, 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!

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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COMMENDED BY GOD

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Ministry validation comes through spiritual transformation.

I. Authentic ministry is *evidenced* by the transformation of the *human* spirit (vv. 1-3).

II. Authentic ministry is *effected* by the transformation of the *Holy* Spirit (vv. 4-6).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Who did Paul's opponents commend themselves to the Corinthians (see 10:12)? What examples of this kind of commendation do we see today, and why shouldn't we engage in it?
2. Why didn't Paul need a letter of recommendation to or from the Corinthians? In what sense did he already have such a letter?
3. How did Paul's heart (v. 2) and the hearts of the Corinthians (v. 3) validate his ministry?
4. What prophecies of the new covenant does Paul allude to in this passage? What makes the new covenant better than the old?
5. How can Paul be insufficient and sufficient at the same time? Why must we first grasp our insufficiency before we can ever be made sufficient to be who God calls us to be and to do what He calls us to do?
6. Why does the letter kill? How does the Spirit give life?
7. What does Paul teach us to look for in a pastor/preacher? How different is this from what the world encourages us to look for?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Why does it matter what kind of pastor and preaching ministry I subject myself to?
2. How can I, like Paul's opponents, play the comparison game and be prone to boasting in my superiority or the superiority of my church? Why is this wrong?
3. Has Christ given me a new heart through His Spirit and word so that I truly, even though imperfectly, love Him and others?



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 25, 2026 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Isaiah 44:1-8

Pastor: But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

People: For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.

Pastor: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

People: Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.

***God's Greeting** | 1 Peter 1:1b-2

To those who are elect exiles...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

***Hymn 101** | Come, Thou Almighty King