God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Judges 8:1-28
Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.
People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | A Fleshly Finish

Prayer of Application

***Hymn 642** | Be Thou My Vision

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

***God's Benediction**

***Hymn 735** | Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Please stand, if you are able.

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME



We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! 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 welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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A FLESHLY FINISH

Judges 8:1-28

Don't finish by the flesh what was begun by the Spirit.

Reaction 1: manipulative verbiage (vv. 1-9).

Reaction 2: merciless vengeance (vv. 10-21).

Reaction 3: manmade veneration (vv. 22-28).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is pride? How can great blessing from God easily lead us into pride?
2. What did Pastor Nick mean when he said our hearts are best revealed in our reactions, not our actions? Do you agree? Why, or why not?
3. Why was Ephraim mad at Gideon? How did their anger reveal pride in their hearts? How did Gideon's response equally reveal pride?
4. How does Gideon respond to the Israelites in Succoth and Penuel who refuse to help him and his men? What are some examples of ways we can do the same?
5. Why was Gideon chasing the Midianites across the Jordan? Did God command him to do this? Was he fighting God's battles or his own at this point? How do we know?
6. How did Gideon respond to Israel's desire to make him king? Did his practice match his words? How can we have good theology but contradict it with our lives?
7. Why is false worship always a sign of pride? How does true worship deliver us from pride?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Can I think of a recent reaction that has revealed pride in my heart? What should I do when God graciously brings such arrogance to light?
2. How is my own heart prone to self-worship when used by God? What about when others are used by God instead of me?
3. Dale Ralph Davis was quoted as saying, "It is ever our danger that after being used by God in some way, we mouth humility but practice pride." Why it is so easy to say the right thing theologically but then live the wrong way practically? What is the solution to this God-dishonoring contradiction?

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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

November 8, 2026 PM

Trinity Hymnal Favorites

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | Psalm 134

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

***Prayer of Invocation**

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed (TH, 845)

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

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn 108** | Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right