

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

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn 345** | Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | James 2:1-13

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The Folly of Favoritism

Prayer of Application

GOD BANQUETS WITH US

God's Call Through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Explanation of the Meal

Praying and Partaking of the Meal

***New Songs 2** | O the Deep, Deep Love

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.

SHOULD I PARTAKE?

If you are visiting with us, you may be wondering whether you should partake of the Lord's Supper. In light of the teaching of Scripture, we warmly welcome you to the Table if you can affirm the following: you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation, you are repenting of sin and seeking to live for God, and you are a baptized, professing member of a gospel-preaching church. If you cannot affirm these things or are unsure, we ask that you refrain from partaking. Our pastor and elders would be glad to speak with you about these matters.

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THE FOLLY OF FAVORITISM

James 2:1-13

Saving faith is incompatible with worldly favoritism.

I. Favoritism contradicts God's *gospel* (vv. 1-7).

II. Favoritism contradicts God's *law* (vv. 8-13).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is partiality? How were the Christians James addresses falling prey to this sin?
2. Why does James refer to Jesus as "the Lord of glory"? What does that have to do with showing partiality to the worldly rich?
3. How does worldly favoritism contradict the gospel?
4. How does it contradict the law?
5. What was the point Pastor Nick made in his illustration about the buffet? Why can't we pick and choose which commandments we live by?
6. How can being under God's law be spoken of as liberty (v. 12)?
7. Is James teaching that we will be saved by our works of mercy and love on judgment day? How are we to understand vv. 12-13?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. In what way am I particularly tempted to show worldly favoritism? What about my church?
2. How is James' prohibition of partiality not a call to endorse sin or to celebrate sinful lifestyles?
3. Does my life evidence a love that harmonizes with both the law and the gospel? Is there any area of my life where I am justifying lovelessness, picking and choosing which commands I keep?



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 28, 2025 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Psalm 99

Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

People: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Pastor: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

People: O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn 70 | With Glory Clad, with Strength Arrayed

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | 2 Corinthians 5:11-21