

# Order of Worship

## December 30, 2018

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23 ESV)*

### Call to Worship

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**People: For the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.**

Pastor: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**ALL: Praise the LORD!** *(Isaiah 12:2-5 ESV)*

### Invocation

### Praise and Adoration

#### Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory / Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story / Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*(Chorus) Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding / Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with us is now residing / Yonder shines the infant light.

Sages, leave your contemplations / Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations / Ye have seen his natal star.

Saints before the altar bending / Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending / In His temple shall appear.

All creation join in praising / God the Father, Spirit, Son  
Evermore your voices raising / To the eternal Three in One.

"Angels From The Realms Of Glory"  
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#### Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world / Promised from creation;  
God's salvation now unfurled / Hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above / Not with scenes of glory;  
But a humble gift of love / Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky / With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life / Shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place / Shaped the earth in darkness;  
Cling now to a mother's breast / Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb / Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands / Prophecy the story.  
Gold, a King is born today / Incense, God is with us;  
Myrrh, His death will make a way / By His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven / Given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man / Christ our mighty Champion.  
What a Savior, what a Friend / What a glorious mystery;  
Once a babe in Bethlehem / Now the Lord of history.

"Joy Has Dawned"  
Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

### Scripture Reading

*Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:1-11 ESV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All / Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh / Fullness of God in helpless babe;  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died / The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid / Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay / Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day / Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory / Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine / Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death / This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath / Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell no scheme of man / Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home / Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

"In Christ Alone"  
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### Confession of Sin

Pastor: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:5-8 ESV)

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon- 1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

### Missions Moment

*William Bondurant, RUF Texas A&M*

### Pastoral Prayer

**Rev. Brian Russ, Associate Pastor**

### Offertory\*\*

*\*\*Please register your attendance on the Connect Card and place in offering plate.*

## Preaching of the Word

Taylor King, Youth Director

*Boldly Sharing The Gospel*

*Acts 26:1-32*  
*p. 935*

## Song of Response

### Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken / All to leave and follow Thee.

Destitute, despised, forsaken / Thou from hence my all shall be.

Perish every fond ambition / All I've sought or hoped or known.

Yet how rich is my condition! / God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me / They have left my Savior, too.

Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.

O while Thou dost smile upon me / God of wisdom, love, and might,

Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me / Twill but drive me to Thy breast.

Life with trials hard may press me / Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.

Oh, tis not in grief to harm me / While Thy love is left to me;

Oh, t'were not in joy to charm me / Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Haste thee on from grace to glory

Armed by faith and winged by prayer

Heavens eternal days before thee / Gods own hand shall guide us there

Soon shall cease thy earthly mission / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,

Hope shall change to glad fruition / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken  
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## Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guests:** Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please speak to one of the greeters, fill out the Blue Connect Card, and visit our website at [cornerstone-pres.org](http://cornerstone-pres.org).

**No Sunday School Today** - We will resume next Sunday, January 6th.

**Officer Nominations** - Today is the last day that members may submit nominations of men for office. Please see the nomination brochure in the narthex and place nominations in the offering plate or give to a church officer today.

**Church Office** - The office will be closed from Dec. 31st-Jan 1st.

**Community Groups** - Resume January 13th.

**Foundations** - Resumes January 16th.

**Women's Winter Retreat - February 1-2, 2019.** DoubleTree Hilton (across from The Summit, Birmingham, AL. Our speaker this year is Christina Fox. She will be leading us through her book, "Closer Than A Sister: How Union With Christ Helps Friendships to Flourish". Registration is open now in the narthex or online at [cornerstone-pres.org/women](http://cornerstone-pres.org/women). **Deadline to register is January 6, 2019.** If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Honeywell at [heidi@cornerstone-pres.org](mailto:heidi@cornerstone-pres.org).

**Women's Bible Study** - Registration is open for our next study which will begin January 15th. We will be using Nancy Guthrie's *The Son of David, Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books*. Registration cards are available in the narthex and in the adult Sunday School rooms. If you were with us in Bible study in the Fall, there is no need to register. Please see Debbie Jones or Heidi Honeywell for more information.

### **Disaster Relief Opportunity - MNA Disaster Response Needs Your Help!!**

Cornerstone is taking a team to Panama City to help those affected by Hurricane Michael January 18-21, 2019. Volunteers needed - Men, Women and youth the age of 15 or older. The first step is to register as a disaster response volunteer. Please see the website for links and more information. If interested contact Rick and Wendy Dillon (256-651-9730 [wendydillon810@gmail.com](mailto:wendydillon810@gmail.com)). There will be a team meeting for the Disaster Relief trip to Panama City on Sunday, January 6 after Sunday School in the Builders classroom.

**Providence Presbytery Youth Retreat - January 25-27, 2019.** Today is the last day to sign up! Cost is \$85/student.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pray for church members caring for family** - Lora Abernathy, Karen Conners, Bryan Gassaway, Emily Hinson, Mark Hundscheid, Alan Patterson, Randy Petcher, David & Margaret Powell, Earl and Jean Wells.

**Pray for our expectant mothers** - Jennie Stanford (May), Sage Hundscheid (June) and Julia King (July).

Pray for those whom God calls to go through officer training.

**Serving Overseas** - John Hinshaw, son of Johnny and Karen Hinshaw.

Pray for God's will on future plans for the new church property.

**Ministries** - Friends serving in Central Asia, Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cullman, AL (Andrew Siegenthaler)

**The Lord's Day**  
**December 30, 2018**