

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Worship Service  
January 16, 2025

GREETING

Rev. Melinda Merkley King

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SHARING THE WELCOME OF CHRIST

GATHERING SONG

"Bless God"

\*PRAISE SONGS

"Trading My Sorrows"

"Evidence"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In Unison*)

Randy Mounce, Lay Leader

**Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours. We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We are a stubborn people who often think we know what is best for our lives when in fact we know very little about what we truly need. For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Remind us that we are Yours and help us to live into the abundant life You have for us. Hold us to Yourself and build our relationship with You that we might love You and others more fully, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now as we silently confess our own sins.** (time of silent, personal confession)

RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

Leader: Hear the Good News from God's word to us in Romans 5: "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... For God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chelsea Price

After the Children's Message, children are welcome to go to Kid's Church.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

OFFERING

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\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 3:1-10

Lay Leader

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

Leader: This is the word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Oh Happy Day!"

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

"Soar"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Zoe Duffie and family on the loss of her father.

Deanna Auerbach and family on the loss of her Uncle, Bill Drown.

Carol Abrahamson, Baby Lily (Joann Minor's friend), Karin Baxter (JoAnn Minor's sister), Jeff Briggs (friend of Carol Ennis), Jean Bullock, Mary Campbell, Sean Cavanaugh (friend of Debby Wells), Anna Culchin (friend of Carrol Ennis), Dana Dorrenbacher, Jennie Linn Duffie (John Duffie's mother), Shannon Earle (Brad Earle's niece), David Floyd (Nancy Long's brother), George Fowlston, Kent Foerster, HC Gilliam (Beth Earle's Uncle), Jim Johnston (Mame & Doug Johnston's son), Dan Krautheim (Kathryn Fiebich's father), Gladys Livingston (friend of Joann Liss), Robert Lowry, (Carolyn's father), Worth McMains, Norma Miller (friend of Joann Liss), Scott Monday (Deb Hilliard's brother-in-law), Tina Moscone (Rhonda Olds' friend), Paula (friend of Donna Millet), Joe Patak (Diane Bensley's father), Cathy Peters (friend of Marcia Marvin), Margaret Rapp, Greg Salley, Joe Schruhl (Julie LaNeave's father), Cherry Thomas (Aaron Thomas' mother), Tom and Lois Walker, Ken Walter, Carmela Williams (Debby Well's friend), the Yonge Family (nieces of Lynn Young), Buddy Young, the brave men and women in the US military, the Pastor Nominating Committee, and all those greatly affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

### Trading My Sorrows

I'm trading my sorrows  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord  
yes yes Lord

Repeat 2x

Amen

\*I am pressed but  
not crushed  
Persecuted  
not abandoned  
Struck down but  
not destroyed

I am blessed beyond  
the curse

For His promise  
will endure

And His joy's gonna  
be my strength

Though the  
sorrow may  
last for the night  
His joy comes  
with the morning

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I'm trading my sickness  
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Yes Lord yes Lord  
yes yes Lord

Repeat 2x

Amen

(Repeat from \*)

### Evidence

All throughout my history

Your faithfulness

Has walked beside me

The winter storms

Made way for spring

In every season

From where I'm standing

I see the evidence of

Your goodness

All over my life

All over my life

I see Your promises

in fulfillment

All over my life

All over my life

Help me remember

When I'm weak

Fear may come but

fear will leave

You lead my

heart to victory

You are my strength

And You always will be

Chorus

See the cross

the empty grave

The evidence is endless

All my sin rolled away

Because of You oh Jesus

See the cross

the empty grave

The evidence is endless

All my sin rolled away

Because of You oh Jesus

Chorus

Repeat

Why should I fear

The evidence is here

Why should I fear

The evidence is here

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful joyful we

adore Thee

God of glory

Lord of love

Hearts unfold like

flowers before Thee

Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of

sin and sadness

Drive the gloom

of doubt away

Giver of

immortal gladness

Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround

Thee

Earth and heaven

reflect Thy rays

Stars and angels

sing around Thee

Center of unbroken praise

Field and forest

vale and mountain

Flowery meadow

flashing sea

Chanting bird

and flowing fountain

Call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals join

the happy chorus

Which the morning

stars began

Love divine is

reigning o'er us

Joining all in

heaven's plan

Ever singing march

we onward

Victors in the

midst of strife

Joyful music leads

us sunward

In the triumph

song of life

### Soar

Here I remind myself what

You said over me

Here I remind my soul

who You are

You said You won't relent

won't let go won't forget

Every promise You have

whispered to my heart

As I wait As I wait on You

I'm gonna run

and not grow weary

I'm gonna walk

and not grow faint

Rise up on wings

like eagles to soar

I know in everything

You're with me

I know You're

working as I wait

Lift me up on wings like

eagles to soar

This desert holds a song

I will sing on and on

You're a river when the

ground I walk is dry

And You will set the

crooked straight

Clear my path make a way

You will lead me from

the valley to the heights

As I wait As I wait on You

Chorus

Creator Keeper Life-breather

Your name is greater

than anything I face

Sustainer Savior

Stronghold breaker

Your name is greater

than anything I face

As I wait As I wait on You

I will wait God

I will wait on You

Chorus