

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Service

January 25, 2026 11:00 a.m.

GREETING

Rev. Meg Lindsay Dudley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, in Christ you have made us one, but we confess how often we forget. We let differences divide us. We are not always kind. We ignore the needs of others. Forgive us. Change our hearts and change our lives. Help us to love and to follow your ways of peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: All around the light of Christ fills this space. The love of Christ unites us and has made us new. In Christ we are forgiven and given a new song. Arise and let your light shine.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

Lay Leader

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

Leader: This is the word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Follow Me"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"Holy Water"

OFFERING

"Pennies from Heaven"

IN OUR PRAYERS

Carol Abrahamson, Karin Baxter (JoAnn Wagner's sister), Graham Best, Joan Blando, Jeff Briggs (friend of Carol Ennis), Jean Bullock, Mary Campbell, Brayden Carroll (Brenda & Tim's grandson), Bruce Crofoot (Carey McMain's neighbor), John Duffie Jr. (John Duffie's father), Shannon Earle (Brad Earle's niece), Carol Ennis, George Fowlston, Pat Hajian, Jim Johnston (Mame & Doug Johnston's son), John Kennedy, Ken Kennedy (Kevin Kennedy's brother), Hayden Kerr (Julie LaNeave's nephew), Gladys Livingston (friend of Joann Liss), Gene Logan (Joann Minor's brother), Emily Long (Nancy Long's daughter-in-law), Carey McMains, Worth McMains, Scott Monday (Deb Hilliard's brother-in-law), Tricia Neuenschwander (Deb Salley's cousin), Paula (friend of Donna Millet), Joe Patak (Diane Bensley's father), Sandy Peterson (Brad Peterson's mother), Harold Roller, Coraly Summers, Cherry Thomas (Aaron Thomas' mother), David Wordell (Marge Wordell's son), Buddy Young, Viktoriia Zosymova and her hometown in Ukraine, the brave men and women in the US military.

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross The love of Christ proclaim Till all the world, adore His sacred name
Come Christians, follow Where our Savior trod The Lamb victorious Christ, the Son of God
Lift high the cross The love of Christ proclaim Till all the world, adore His sacred name
Each newborn servant Of the Crucified Bears on the brow the Seal of Christ who died
Lift high the cross The love of Christ proclaim Till all the world, adore His sacred name
O Lord, once lifted On the glorious tree Your death has brought us Life eternally
Lift high the cross The love of Christ proclaim Till all the world, adore His sacred name
So shall our song of Triumph ever be Praise to the Crucified For victory

Holy Water

God I'm on my knees again God I'm begging please again I need You Oh I need You
Walking down this desert road Water for my thirsty soul I need You Oh I need You

Your forgiveness Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips

Like the sound of a symphony to my ears Like holy water on my skin

Dead man walking slave to sin I wanna know about being born again I need You Oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside Take me under baptize I need You Oh God I need You oh

Your forgiveness Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips

Like the sound of a symphony to my ears Like holy water on my skin On my skin

I don't wanna abuse Your grace God I need it every day

It's the only thing that ever really Makes me wanna change

(REPEAT 3X)

Your forgiveness Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips

Like the sound of a symphony to my ears Like holy water

Your forgiveness Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips

Like the sound of a symphony to my ears

Like holy water on my skin Like holy water on my skin Oh it's like holy water

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Cornerstone Classics Lunch Outing: Join the group and Rev. Meg for lunch and fellowship! Meet at Doherty's, 1979 High House Rd. in Cary, Tuesday, February 17 at 11:30. Cornerstone Classics welcomes those 55+ (or close to it). Please sign up in the narthex.

Youth Happenings: During January, Cornerstone Youth is continuing our series on prayer, exploring what it means to be honest with God, to listen, and to stay connected through every season of life and faith. Cornerstone members & visitors are encouraged to save the date for our annual Youth Pancake Dinner Fundraiser on Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00p.m. supporting our summer mission trip. Sign ups coming next week—Come hungry and help send our youth out to serve! For any questions about the youth ministry, email Brandi Kirkland at brandi@cornerstonecary.org

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day journey of Lent, leading up to Easter, as we start our "Along the Way-A Lenten Journey" theme in the "dust". We will place ashes on our foreheads and reflect on where our baptism and funeral meet. Join us in the sanctuary, on Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00p.m. as we worship and reflect together.

Lent for Everyone - For the season of Lent, we will be studying *Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A: A Daily Devotional*, by N.T Wright. This book has a daily devotional that takes us through the Gospel of Matthew. Each Wednesday at noon, beginning February 25, we'll meet at church for "Soup and a Study" - where we will discuss the devotional and enjoy soup and fellowship. A sign-up sheet for the study and to bring soup one week is in the narthex. When signing up, let us know if you need a book or purchase one here: <https://a.co/d/hEQor2h>, or for kindle here: <https://a.co/d/ig0dMmb>

The Cornerstone Missions Committee is seeking people to join our team. We meet one Sunday a month after the 11a.m. service. The committee coordinates Missions projects and programs throughout the year such as the Little Red Wagon, Habitat for Humanity Build Days, and the Angel Tree. We also decide how to distribute the funds allocated for Missions in our yearly church budget. Please contact Elder, Brad Peterson or the office with questions.