



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...”
Ephesians 2:20

The Lord's Day — August 6, 2017
“Worshipping Our Perfect Savior”

“Jesus said to them, ‘My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.’”
Jesus

“**Worry** implies that we don’t quite trust that God is big enough, powerful enough, or loving enough to take care of what’s happening in our lives. **Stress** says that the things we are involved in are important enough to merit our impatience, our lack of grace toward others, or our tight grip of control. Basically, these two behaviors communicate that it’s okay to sin and not trust God because the stuff in my life is somehow exceptional. Both worry and stress reek of arrogance.”
Francis Chan

GOD OPENS HIS GATES AND CALLS HIS PEOPLE IN

Prelude

Announcements

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†Call to Worship: *Jeremiah 51:15; Psalm 24:1*

Minister: He made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding..

People: The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

†Hymn of Praise: #116

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

†Prayer of Adoration & Praise

GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE THEIR SINS

Confession of Sin:

Almighty and most merciful Father, 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 have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, though we are miserable offenders. Spare us, who confess our faults. We repent of our sins and seek your forgiveness; restore us according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. For the sake of your Son, grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life – to the glory of Your holy name...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin. Amen!*

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 8:33–34*

“Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”

†Affirmation of Faith:

The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit; the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The Nicene Creed was developed in the early centuries of the Christian church to affirm and articulate the Bible’s teaching about the deity of Jesus Christ and the salvation he provides for his people.

†Hymn of Assurance: #12 (*Hymn Supplement*)

“In Christ Alone”

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 29:10-14*

The Epistle Reading: *Galatians 4:4-7*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Lesson: *John 7:1-13*

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SERMON: “TRUST IN GOD’S TIMETABLE”

I. SUBMIT TO GOD’S PLAN

A. GOD IS ABOVE TIME

B. GOD’S WORD DIRECTS OUR TIMES

II. PERSIST DESPITE GOD’S OPPONENTS

A. STAND ON SCRIPTURE

B. BE HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE

III. WALK FORWARD AT GOD’S PACE

A. PRAYERFULLY DISCERN THE CIRCUMSTANCES

B. JOYFULLY ADVANCE FOR GOD’S GLORY

†Hymn of Response: #7 (*Hymn Supplement*)

“There is a Redeemer”

We Offer Ourselves through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for the Church

†Hymn of Dedication #729
*All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today,
Thine own before thy feet we lay.*

“All Things Are Thine”

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO HIS TABLE^s

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & the Invitation

We Sing at God’s Table: #252 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The Bread of Life & the Wine of Gladness

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, give to us more faith, hope, and love. And, that we may obtain what You have promised, grow within us true love for all You have commanded. Grant to us renewed desire and strength to keep Your commands and to bear abundantly the fruit of Your Spirit throughout our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen!

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH GREAT BLESSING

†Hymn of Departure: #642 “Be Thou My Vision”

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

†Benediction: 2 *Thessalonians* 3:16

†Three-Fold Amen: #740

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

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^sThe Lord’s Supper is observed every Sunday in our morning worship service. We invite to the Lord’s Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a guest, you are acknowledging to the Elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God, and that you desire to live and die as a member of His Church. You are confessing that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any questions about your participation, please speak to the Pastor or one of the Elders before or after the service.