



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 13, 2017
“Discerning God's Truth”

“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”
Jesus

“What are we to make of Christ? There is no question of what we can make of Him, it is entirely a question of what He intends to make of us.”
C. S. Lewis

GOD OPENS HIS GATES AND CALLS HIS PEOPLE IN

Prelude

Announcements

Elder Dave Haverdink

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 46:1,7,10,11*

Rev. Aaron D. Hofius

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Minister: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

†Hymn of Praise: #92

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

†Prayer of Adoration & Praise

GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE THEIR SINS

Confession of Sin:

Most 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin. Amen!*

Assurance of Pardon: *Colossians 1:21-22*

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.”

†Affirmation of Faith:

Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 1 What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was developed in Germany in the mid-1500s. Over the past several centuries it has been used by many Christian churches to explain and affirm our belief in some of the key doctrines revealed in the Bible.

†Hymn of Assurance: #19 (*Hymn Supplement*)

“What Grace Is Mine”

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 13:1-5*

The Epistle Reading: *Galatians 1:6-12*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Lesson: *John 7:14-24*

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SERMON: “JUDGE WITH RIGHT JUDGMENT”

I. RESPECT TRUE AUTHORITY

A. CHECK CREDENTIALS

B. EXAMINE DESIRES

II. DETERMINE TRUE MOTIVATION

A. SEEK THE RIGHT GOAL

B. REPENT OF INCONSISTENCIES

III. PRACTICE TRUE OBEDIENCE

A. MAINTAIN GOD’S PRIORITIES

B. CELEBRATE GOD’S REDEMPTION

†Hymn of Response: #164

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

We Offer Ourselves through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Christ the Cornerstone” (*see Connections insert*)

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for the Church

†Hymn of Dedication #733

Alternate Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO HIS TABLE[§]

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & the Invitation

We Sing at God's Table: #254 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

The Bread of Life & the Wine of Gladness

Pastoral Prayer: Grant, O Lord our God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through Your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love, to the honor and praise of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our 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 Corinthians 13:14*

†Three-Fold Amen: #740

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

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[§]The 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.