



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 20, 2017
“Worshipping Jesus, God's Son”

“I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true.”
Jesus

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”
C. S. Lewis

GOD OPENS HIS GATES AND CALLS HIS PEOPLE IN

Prelude

Announcements

Rev. Aaron D. Hofius

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 100*

Minister: Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

†Hymn of Praise: #32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

†Prayer of Adoration & Praise

GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE THEIR SINS

Confession of Sin:

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in Your presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in Your sight. We have broken Your holy law. We have not sought first Your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would have them do to us. Most gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save Your people from their sins. Through His grace forgive us, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin. Amen!*

Assurance of Pardon: *1 Timothy 1:15*

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost.”

†Affirmation of Faith:

Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 21 What is true faith?

A. **True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

*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: *(see insert)*

“Christ the Cornerstone”

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-5*

The Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-4*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Lesson: *John 7:25-36*

Rev. Aaron D. Hofius

SERMON: “A PRIMER FOR AGNOSTICS”

I. DENY JESUS’ IDENTITY

A. IGNORE PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT

B. DISREGARD KINGDOM VICTORIES

II. DISMISS JESUS’ TEACHING

A. YOU ARE A NEEDY SINNER

B. JESUS IS THE SUFFICIENT SAVIOR

III. DELAY YOUR RESPONSE

A. ALWAYS LIVE FOR THE MOMENT

B. ALWAYS WAIT FOR TOMORROW

†Hymn of Response: #8 (*Hymn Supplement*)

“O Great God”

We Offer Ourselves through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (*based on hymn #689*)

“Be Still, My Soul”

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for the Church

†Hymn of Dedication #731

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO HIS TABLE[§]

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & the Invitation

We Sing at God’s Table: #261 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

The Bread of Life & the Wine of Gladness

Pastoral Prayer: Heavenly Father, who has prepared for those who love You such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love for You and thirst for You that we, loving You and seeking You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which far exceed all that we can desire; 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: *Hebrews 13:20-21*

†Three-Fold Amen: #740

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Pastor: Rev. Aaron D. Hofius **Telephone:** (636) 717-1761 (office)
Email: pastor@cornerstone-stl.org (314) 849-0363 (home)

Administrative Assistant: Rebekah Matt rmatt6@att.net

Elders

David Haverdink (314) 892-6275 Rick Matt (314) 984-9173

Deacons

Dennis Donnelly (636) 524-1739 Tom Hillrich (636) 272-4227

Women’s Ministry Leaders

Erin Donnelly (314) 662-0562 Deena Donnelly (636) 208-7335
Sara Haverdink (314) 892-6275

Currently meeting at:
Hagemann Elementary School
6401 Hagemann Road
St. Louis, MO 63128

Mailing Address:
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 270208
St. Louis, MO 63127

Fellowship Time: 9:50 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Website:
www.cornerstone-stl.org

Church Email Address:
office@cornerstone-stl.org

[§]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.