



CORNERSTONE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship

9:00 AM | 10:30 AM

August 23, 2026

GOD'S MAJESTY

SILENT PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 116:1-2, 5-7

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Family: **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Family: **The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Together: **Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

*Please stand if able

SONG OF APPROACH*

“The Goodness of Jesus”

Come, you weary heart, now to Jesus Come, you anxious soul, now and see There is perfect love And comfort in your tears Rest here in His wondrous peace	Come find what this world cannot offer Come and find your joy here complete Taste the living water, never thirst again Rest here in His wondrous peace
<i>Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus Satisfied, he is all that I need May it be, come what may That I rest all my days In the goodness of Jesus</i>	Come and find your hope now in Jesus He is all he said he would be Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart Rest here in His wondrous peace

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CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 61-62

Q. 61: Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?
A. Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith.

Q. 62: Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of our righteousness?
A. Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are imperfect and stained with sin.

*Please stand if able

GOD'S MERCY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, "God Honored"

O God, may my religion be always firmly rooted in your word, my understanding divinely informed, my affections holy and heavenly, my motives simple and pure, and my heart never wrong with you. Deliver me from the natural darkness of my own mind, from the corruptions of my heart, from the temptations to which I am exposed, from the daily snares that attend me. Save me from the power of my worldly and spiritual enemies and from all painful evils to which I have exposed myself. Until I finish my course with joy, let there be unrestrained fellowship with Jesus.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

1 Corinthians 6:9a, 11

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

SONGS OF GRACE*

*Please stand if able

“Nothing But the Blood”

Your blood speaks a better word
Than all the empty claims I've heard
Upon this earth
Speaks righteousness for me
And stands in my defense
Jesus it's Your blood

*What can wash away our sins
What can make us whole again
Nothing but the blood
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*What can wash us pure as snow
Welcomed as the friends of God
Nothing but Your blood
Nothing but Your blood
King Jesus*

Your cross testifies in grace
Tells of the Father's heart
To make a way for us
Now boldly we approach
Not earthly confidence
It's only by Your blood

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“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”

I was a wretch, I remember who I was
I was lost, I was blind
I was running out of time
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm
You had me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great divide
Left behind Heaven's throne
To build it here inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains, freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

*Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness
Into glorious light*

You took my place
Laid inside my tomb of sin
You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again
And now death has no sting
And life has no end
For I have been transformed
By the blood of the Lamb

There is nothing stronger
Than the wonder working power
Of the blood, the blood
That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood, the blood

Glory to His name
Glory to His name
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name

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GOD’S MEMBERS

FAMILY PRAYER

Elder Mike Boesch

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY GREETINGS

*Please stand if able

GOD'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING*

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

¹ For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ² But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³ For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.

Leader: The grass withers, and the flower falls

Together: **But the word of the Lord remains forever!**

GOSPEL MESSAGE

“An Approved Witness”

Rev. Brian Hand

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

*Please stand if able

SONG OF RESPONSE*

“Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him*

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all
things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

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GOD’S MISSION

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Brian Hand

DISMISSAL*

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

Together: **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if able

COMMUNITY LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS at a GLANCE

Welcome to Cornerstone! We're so glad you were able to join us for our worship today. If you haven't already, please make sure to fill out our connect form (scan QR code for our Linktree at right) and let us know you were here!



AUG 30: Pebbles & Stepping Stones classes will be resuming next Sunday after being on break.

AUG 30: We will hold our first ever Pebbles & Stepping Stones orientation, Sunday 8/30 at 12:15 pm. At this orientation, we will share a few new changes that will be taking place in the new "school" year and communicate expectations with the families.

SEP 13: PSC will be holding a town hall on Sunday 9/13 at 12 pm to go over the PSC and process, as well as provide updates.

For any shepherding or spiritual needs, please notify the pastors or elders.

For any material or physical assistance, please notify the deacons.

CHURCH FINANCES:

Tithes and offering (8/16/26)	\$	7,653.58
Year-to-date tithes and offering:	\$	198,373.79

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