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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

# Order Of Worship

December 05, 2021

## \*Call to Worship | Isaiah 7:14 | Blake Arnoult

*God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.*

The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

## \*Song of Adoration | O Come All Ye Faithful

*We begin by responding with praise to God for who he is and for what he does.*

O Come All Ye Faithful  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels;

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;

### **Chorus**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: John Francis Wade*

\*Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith Ch.8.2, Of Christ the Mediator

*With the church in history we confess a basic statement of what Christians believe.*

**The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.**

\*Song of Confession | Here I Am To Worship

*Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.*

Light of the World You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

**Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created;  
All for love's sake became poor

**Chorus**

/And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross./

**Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Tim Hughes*

## Confession of Sin | 1 John 1:5-6, 8, 10 | Blake Arnoult

*We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.*

**5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth...8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

## Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:7, 9 | Blake Arnoult

*The good news of the gospel is that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. This assurance is based on God's words of promise and it is therefore certain.*

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## \*Song of Response | Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising Thee eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,

Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Thy light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

*Music and Lyrics: Henry Van Dyke*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*We offer our gratitude to God in prayer in response to his gifts and blessings to his people and ask that he make us faithful managers of these gifts.*

### Song of Thanks | Joy To The World

*As we offer our prayers so we also offer up our thanks in song.*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room;  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ!  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow;  
nor thorns infest the ground!  
He comes to make His blessings flow,  
far as the curse is found,

far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove,  
the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

*Music and Lyrics: Isaac Watts, G. F. Handel*

## Prayer for Christ's Church

*We lift up our requests to God knowing that he hears us when we pray.*

### \*Reading of Scripture | Matthew 1:18-25 | Blake Arnoult

*God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.*

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Joseph's Surprises"

*Other(s') Christmas Stories*

Pastoral Prayer

## Sacrament of Communion

*Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible grace of God - what Christ does by his Holy Spirit within us. Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist), as the distribution of the elements of bread and wine, symbolizes a meal. Communion is a sign of fellowship. That sign signifies more than just the future heavenly fellowship that is to come. The outward sign signifies the inner reality that sinners already experience fellowship with God in the Spirit because of Jesus. Communion is not a meal for good people. It functions as a renewing seal to desperate sinners of that fellowship we have with our holy and gracious God.*

*You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian we encourage you to spend this time in reflection on what you've seen and heard in the worship.*

*Children who have not received their first communion are welcome and encouraged to come forward with their families to witness their partaking. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Hallelujah!**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward. We would be happy to serve you at your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free. All communion wine is grape juice.*

*A communion prayer for those searching for the truth:*

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*



## Communion Song | Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee  
Day-spring from on high appear  
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse  
Of Thy birth we long to hear  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News glad tidings of a birth  
Go to him your praises bringing  
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness  
He whose glories knew no end  
By his life he brings us gladness  
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend  
Leaving riches without number  
Born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder  
Christ was born Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

*Music and Lyrics: Charles Wesley, Mark E. Hunt*

## Departing Song | Go Tell It On The Mountain

*We begin to end in faith and song.*

**Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a Holy light

### **Chorus**

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo! Above the Earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth

### **Chorus**

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And brought us all salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: John W. Work Jr.*

## **\*Benediction | Romans 15:13 | Blake Arnoult**

*God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in his mission to the city of man.*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Adult Christmas Party**

**December 5, 6:00-8:30pm**

Come party with us tonight! Our annual Christmas party will take place this evening, December 5 at the home of Tim and Frances Arnoult. This is an adults-only event, dinner and beverages will be served. Valet parking is required for those who drive.

### **Children's Christmas Party**

**December 12, 11:30am - 1:30pm**

Kids and parents! Join us directly after the service at the home of Blake and Ryan Arnoult for the children's Christmas party! We will have food, fun, and fellowship! This is not a drop-off event.

### **Kids' Christmas Song**

**During the Christmas Eve service!**

We would like to invite all the children to sing "Go Tell It On The Mountain" on stage during the Christmas Eve service! Find Emily or Meredith for more information!

### **Christmas Eve Service**

**Friday, December 24, 2pm**

Worship and fellowship with us on Christmas Eve! Our traditional Christmas Eve tailgate will begin at 2pm on Friday, followed by a candlelight service at 3pm.

### **Women's Luncheon**

**January 9 - Directly after the service**

Sign up online for our women's luncheon!

### **Women's Day Trip - DATE CHANGE**

**April 2, 2022**

Sign up now for the women's trip out to New Ulm! We'll enjoy fellowship and some good food during this wonderful trip together! RSVP through our Instagram or website today! The cost is \$30/person, payable by cash or check to Cornerstone staff - no later than March 6, 2022.

### **Weekly Prayer Guide**

**Every Wednesday on Facebook and Instagram**

Make sure to follow us on Facebook: [@CornerstoneHOU](#) and Instagram: [@cornerstonehou](#) for Amy's prayer guide posted every Wednesday.

## **RSVP and Announcements Page**

Visit the website above or click the link below to view our comprehensive fall calendar and RSVP to available events!



## **Let Us Know You're Here!**

Welcome, visitors! We are so glad to have you with us this morning! Please help us out by using the QR code to let us know you're here, or visit our website directly at [cornerstonehouston.com](http://cornerstonehouston.com).



## **Giving**

Use the QR Code below to view different ways to give!



\*Please Note: An additional fee is charged per transaction for online giving. Please consider adding this fee to your total contribution in order to help us cover it:  
Credit/Debit Cards: 2.9% + \$0.30/transaction; American Express: 4% + \$0.30/transaction; and Bank Transfer (ACH): 1% + \$0.30/transaction.

## **Giving Update**

2021 Ministry Budget: \$562,900

Giving as of 12/02: \$450,882

Variance: \$112,018

# Cornerstone Kids

## What in the world is...?

### Hymns, Praise Songs?

Singing loudly is not just something we do in the shower. God gave us voices to sing about how awesome he is!

### Confession?

God wants to hear what we did wrong. Tell him! He not only listens, he also forgives.

### Prayer?

God cares so much for us that he taught us to pray. He wants us to know what to pray for and also how to pray. How amazing is that? Take a look in your parents' bulletin to check it out!

### The Offering?

Ever wonder why we put money in that basket being passed around? God wants us to give to him and his church in joy as an act of worship!

### The Sermon?

This is when the pastor helps us understand what God is telling us in the Bible. And the Bible is God's word!

### Communion?

Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and drink the wine God nourishes our spirits!!! Who gets to take communion? Those who believe in Jesus and have shared their faith with the leaders in the church.

### Benediction?

This is the end of the church service where everyone receives God's blessing. Isn't it awesome that God shares this blessing with us?

# KID'S CORNER



## MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

Mary will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

- Matthew 1:21



## CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



### How could Christ suffer?

Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that he could obey and suffer in our place for our sins to save us.



## PRAYER CHALLENGE!

Thank Jesus for coming as a baby to die for our sins!

# KID'S CORNER

## SERMON NOTES

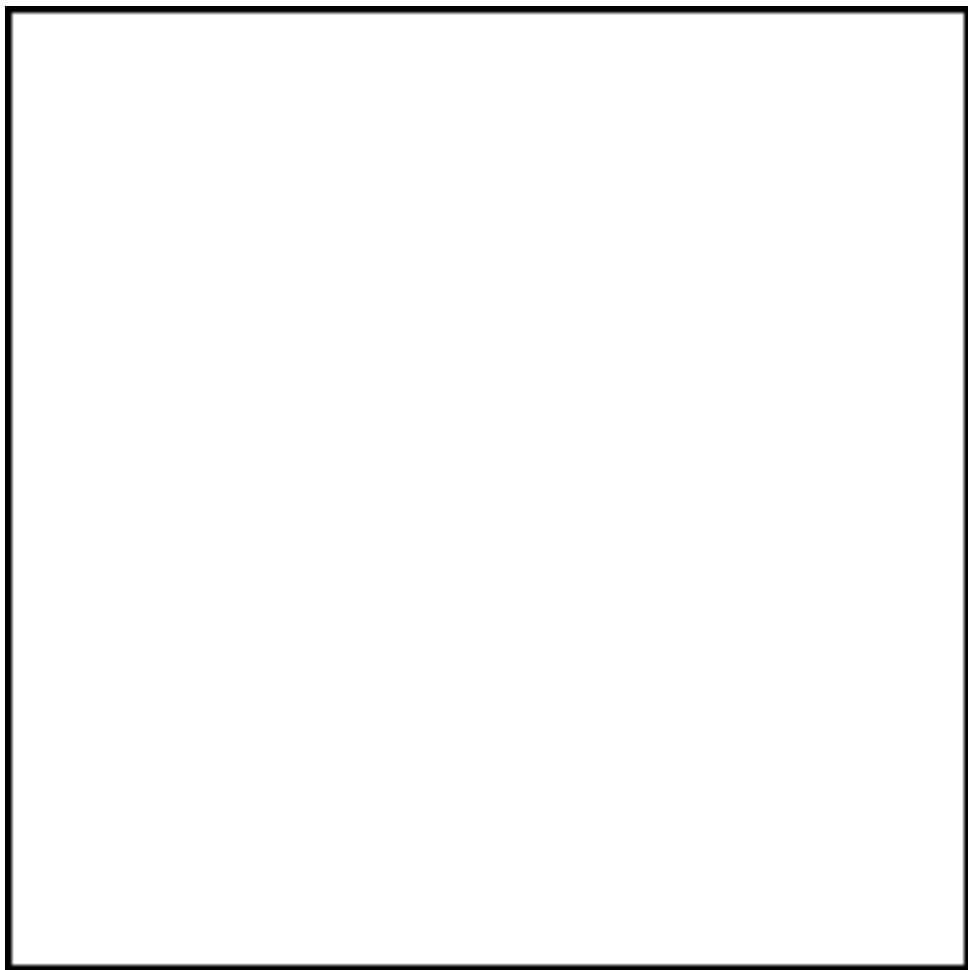


Do you remember what it was like when you were a baby? You couldn't feed yourself, bathe yourself, you couldn't fall asleep by yourself, you couldn't go to the bathroom by yourself. Your mom and dad had to do everything for you! That's what God does for us to save us. We can't save ourselves from our sin or from death. Not even your parents can do that for you. In fact, your mom and dad are like babies too. They can't save themselves. Only Jesus can.

We needed God to come and be born as a baby and grow up and live the perfect life we should, and then die for our sins to save us. We need Jesus to do what we can't do. Salvation is not a God and us thing - salvation is a Jesus thing!

# A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!





# Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

A	M	G	M	A	V	Q	A	H	P	E	S	O	J	U
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ANGEL, BEAR, CHILD, FULFILL, HUSBAND, JOSEPH, MARY,  
RESOLVED, WIFE

# The Sermon and Your A-Z's!

Each time you hear a word during the sermon that begins with one of the letters listed below, fill it in.

A	N
B	O
C	P
D	Q
E	R
F	S
G	T
H	U
I	V
J	W
K	X
L	Y
M	Z

## Unscramble the Verse!

Unscramble the verse from today's passage!

B H D E L O ' H E T

I G V I N R H L S A L

C E O C V E N I D A N

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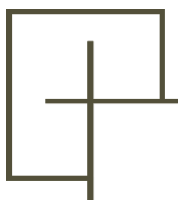
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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- no food or drink other than water
- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage, except for Communion
- no standing on chairs

Cornerstone loves our children, and we encourage parents to bring children of all ages into the worship service. We do ask for your help to ensure children observe these guidelines. Special A.D. Players approved dry erase crayons are available in the Lobby for our children to use during the worship service.

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SUNDAYS, 10 AM

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