



C O R N E R S T O N E
C H U R C H O F H O U S T O N

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

PURPOSE

(the why of the church)

Gather people in Houston and grow together in life in order to glorify Jesus Christ.

PLAN

(the what, so what, how, when, where, and who of the church)

Means (What will accomplish our purpose?)

- Word (the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament)
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Sacrament

Goals (So what do we see if we are accomplishing our purpose?)

- Fruitfulness: conversions, Christian character, good deeds
- Biblical world and life view
- Fellowship and Service
- Evangelism and Missions
- Worship: corporate and individual

Presuppositions (How will we approach accomplishing our purpose?)

- Individual: there is both great commonality and diversity among individuals
- Demographical: our ability to minister is affected by the character of the city
- Pedagogical: there is a common learning process among all peoples
- Theological: ministry is carried out from a specific perspective that is for all peoples
- Providential: God is at work accomplishing his purpose of the church

Times (When will we accomplish our purpose?)

- Sunday: corporate worship, when the church gathers, grows, and glorifies weekly
- Monday to Saturday: pilgrim life, when the church lives out of and up to Sunday

Places (Where will we accomplish our purpose?)

- Large Groups: community; gathering and binding the whole group together-
- Small Groups: friendship; relating an individual to other individuals
- One on Ones: intimacy; personal conversation where ministry happens organically

Participants (Who is accomplishing our purpose?)

- God the Father the Architect-Builder, the Son the Cornerstone, the Spirit the Paradigm Power
- God's People-House the Church

Order Of Worship

May 16, 2021

*Call to Worship | Ephesians 3:20-21

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

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Song of Adoration | The Church's One Foundation

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

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.
Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,

And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Music and Lyrics: Samuel John Stone, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

***Confession of Faith | Westminster Larger Catechism 182**

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

Q: How doth the Spirit help us to pray?

A: We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helpeth our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.

***Song of Confession | Rock of Ages**

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

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's commands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Music and Lyrics: Augustus Montague Toplady, Thomas Hastings

Confession of Sin

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.

Merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death, that we are unclean before you and children of wrath. We continually transgress your commandments, failing to do what you have commanded, and doing that which you have expressly forbidden. We are not worthy to be called your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to you in prayer. Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that your mercy toward those who turn to you is infinite; and so we take courage to call upon you, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Cover us with his righteousness, for the glory of your name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all rebellion, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 32:3-5

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.

- 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Song of Response | Before the Throne of God Above

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

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God
Music and Lyrics: Graham Kendrick

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 | Worthy is the Lamb

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

Thank you for the cross Lord

Thank you for the price you paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love you came
And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love Lord
Thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown you now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up
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Music and Lyrics: Hillsong Worship

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 | Blake Arnoult

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

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, 2 and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Pray for Us"

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 | Jesus Is Better

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;

For the promised morning, Oh how long!

O God of Jacob, be my strength!

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

Music and Lyrics: Sandra McCracken

*Departing Song | All Glory Be To Christ

We begin to end in faith and song.

Should nothing of our efforts stand

No legacy survive

Unless the Lord does raise the house

In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain

Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

When on the day the great I am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

/Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: Dustin Kensrue, Robert Burns

***Benediction | 2 Peter 1:2, 3 | 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.

2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wine Tasting Event

Listen to today's announcement for an update on our Wine Tasting event!

June Book Clubs - Sign up now!

Read through one of three books with us this June. Discussion groups will meet twice at various locations and times! Check out our website for the list of books and sign up through our website or weekly email to join your preferred small group! Registration ends May 23rd. Invite your friends!

Spring Middle School (Rising 5th-8th)

Middle School is meeting in-person at the Smith home (outside) Sunday, May 23rd, from 12-1:30pm for our "Step Up" session, including rising 5th graders! Lunch will be provided. Drop off only, please.

Children's Ministry Volunteers

It's not too late! If you are interested in volunteering with our Children's Ministry, we are still accepting applications. Applications can be found on our website and handed to Cornerstone staff on Sunday mornings. Contact Emily McEwin or Meredith Smith with any questions!

Kids Summer Pool Party

Join us on June 13th at the Byrd's Home for a kids pool party! Kids and parents welcome to stay. More information to come!

Summer Park Day

Join us at Hermann Park on Sunday, June 20th from 3-5 for summer fun! Bring your own picnic, beverages, and outdoor games.

Weekly Prayer Guide: Make sure to follow us on Facebook:

[@CornerstoneHOU](#) and Instagram: [@cornerstonehou](#) for Amy's prayer guide posted every Wednesday.

Weekly Prayer

Church-wide Zoom Prayer Meeting: every Wednesday @11:30am, led by Blake.

INFORMATION

To the Parents of Young Children

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, even children, and we want Cornerstone to be a church where children are both seen and heard. So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pews or make a little noise! We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say parts of our worship service every week in order to help our non-reading children to participate. There are also ages, stages, and times when it might not be best for your children to be in worship.

The Liturgy

Our order of worship may be new to you. Every worship service in every church has a structure. We want to be intentional about ours as it is a real back-and-forth conversation between us and God. He calls us to worship, and then we respond and move through the different elements of the service. We have both spontaneous, personal prayers as well as ancient, printed prayers. Please look over the service to see what we will hear and say along the way.

Cornerstone Podcast

To listen to the sermons during the week, please visit: www.cornerstonehouston.com/resources or anywhere you normally listen to podcasts.

COVID-19 Updates

Beginning last Sunday, May 9th, all areas of A.D. Players at the George Theater became mask optional and distancing requirements were relaxed, with the exception of the balcony. *The balcony will be reserved for church attendees who wish to continue to wear masks and social distance.* We are requesting that anyone seated in the balcony remain fully masked throughout the entire service. *Check your email or our website for the full updated response plan!*

GIVING

Online Donations

If you'd prefer to give online as either a one-time gift or as a recurring gift, you may do so through our website,

www.cornerstonehouston.com/give

It will direct you to the online donation portal powered by Aplos. This is a secure site that can process credit card, debit card, and EFT. All donations go directly to Cornerstone. You will receive an electronic receipt and an end of year tax statement.

Text-to-Give

If you'd prefer to give via text, please text "GIVE" to (833) 388-0906. It will direct to the online donation portal powered by Aplos to setup your account. You will only have to setup access the first use. It is a secure site that can process credit card, debit card, and EFT. All donations go directly to Cornerstone. You will receive an electronic receipt and an end of year tax statement.

Checks

You can give by check or mail a check to:

Cornerstone Church of Houston
14027 Memorial Drive #268
Houston, Texas 77079-6826

Make the check payable to Cornerstone Church of Houston. You will be mailed an end of year tax statement.

Stock

If you would like to transfer stock, please contact one of the church officers.

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?

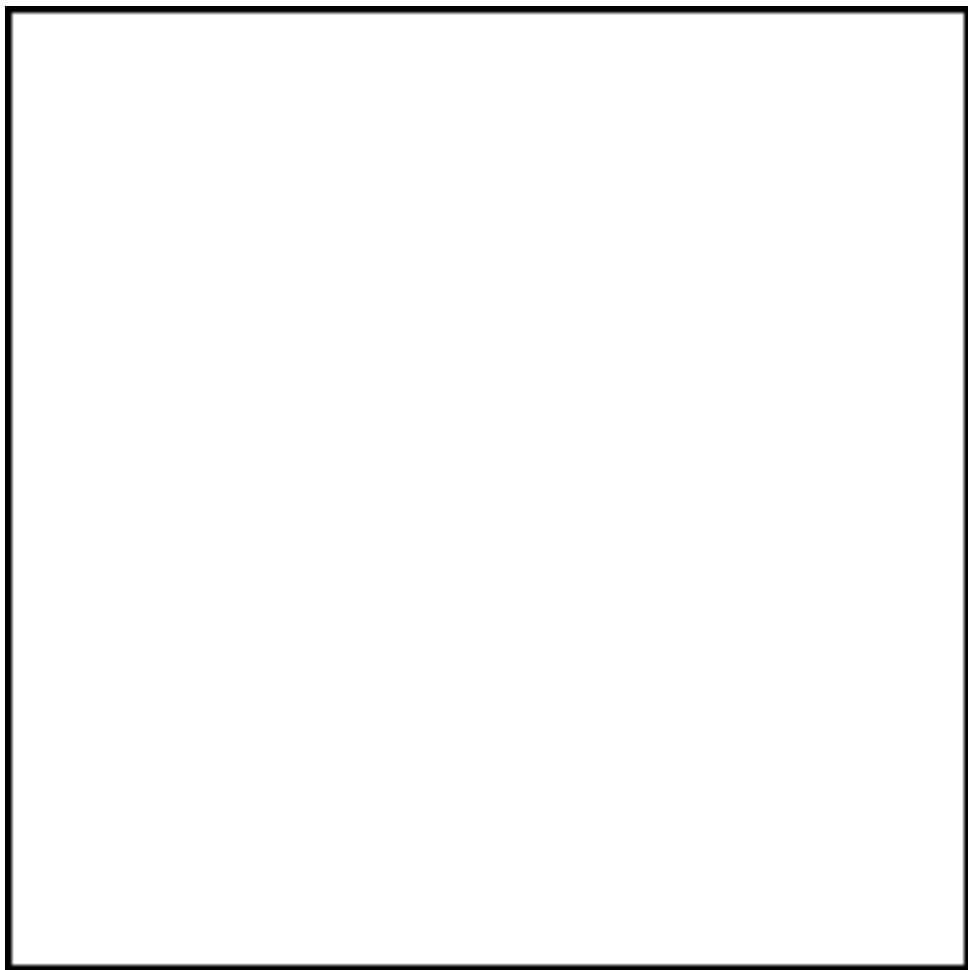
Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and 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?

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from our passage in 2 Thessalonians!

R	L	O	J	L	G	F	P	P	T	T	R	S	M	U
G	T	P	M	O	O	L	Z	D	J	T	K	T	D	J
I	C	Z	S	R	Y	A	R	P	O	V	K	E	E	U
J	W	R	S	D	P	R	X	C	I	L	S	A	K	R
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BROTHERS, CONFIDENCE, DELIVERED, ESTABLISH, FAITH,
GUARD, LORD, PRAY, STEADFASTNESS, WICKED

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 words from today's service!

I L A Y F L N

S R E H T O R B Y R A P

O R F S U T T A H H E T

R D W O F O E H T

R L D O A Y M P E D E S

A D A E H D N A E B

R E D N O H O

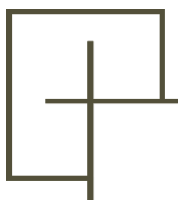
2 H S A T I L S E N S A O N 1:3

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

A.D. PLAYERS AT THE GEORGE THEATER
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