



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 9, 2021

*Call to Worship | Ephesians 2:8-10

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

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*Song of Adoration | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Music and Lyrics: Oliver Holden, Edward Perronet, John Rippon

***Confession of Faith | Philippians 2:12-13**

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

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

***Song of Confession | I Boast No More**

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

No more, my God, I boast no more
Of all the duties I have done;
I quit the hopes I held before,
To trust the merits of Thy Son

**No more my God, No more my God,
No more my God, I boast no more.**

Now, for the loss I bear His name,
What was my gain I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame,
And nail my glory to His cross.

Chorus

Yes, and I must and will esteem
All things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in Him,
And of His righteousness partake!

Chorus

The best obedience of my hands
Dares not appear before Thy throne;
But faith can answer Thy demands,
By pleading what my Lord has done.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Sandra McCracken and Isaac Watts

Confession of Sin | 1 John 1:5, 6, 8, 10

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

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 | Knowing You

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

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

**Knowing you, Jesus,
Knowing you, there is no greater thing!
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And, I love you, Lord!**

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
To be found in you and known as yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Chorus

Oh, to know the power of your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings,
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
So with you to live and never die.

Chorus

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 | Center

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

**//Oh, Christ be the center of our lives!
Be the place we fix our eyes;
Be the center of our lives.//**

You're the center of the universe,
Everything was made in You, Jesus.
Breath of every living thing,
Everyone was made for You.

You hold everything together;
You hold everything together.

Chorus

We lift our eyes to heaven,
We wrap our lives around Your life.
We lift our eyes to heaven, to You.

Music and Lyrics: Charlie Hall, Matt Redman

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 2:13-17 | Blake Arnoult

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

13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14 To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

“Standing Firm, Holding On With Great Assurance”

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.

There is no other so sure and steady, my hope is held in Your hand.
When castles crumble, and breath is fleeting,
Upon this Rock I will stand; Upon this Rock I will stand.

**Glory, glory, we have no other King, but Jesus Lord of all!
Raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring; We crown Him Lord of all!**

Your kindly rule has shattered and broken the curse of sin's tyranny.
My life is hidden 'neath Heaven's shadow,
Your crimson flood covers me; Your crimson flood covers me.

**Glory, glory, we have no other King, but Jesus Lord of all!
Raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring; We crown Him Lord of all!**

In all my sorrows, Jesus is better; Make my heart believe.
In every victory, Jesus is better; Make my heart believe.
Than any comfort, Jesus is better; Make my heart believe.
More than all riches, Jesus is better; Make my heart believe.

Our souls declaring, Jesus is better! Make our hearts believe.
Our song eternal, Jesus is better! Make our hearts believe.
Music and Lyrics: Aaron Ivey, Brett Land

*Departing Song | Doxology

We begin to end in faith and song.

/ 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 //

Music and Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Thomas Tallis

*Benediction | Psalm 121:7,8 | 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.

- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
 he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep
 your going out and your coming in
 from this time forth and forevermore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wine Tasting Event - RSVP today!

RSVP today! The event takes place on Sunday, May 16th 6:30-8:30pm in the Donovan's backyard. Adults only. RSVP on our website or our weekly email update *no later than May 1st* so that we can appropriately plan for the number of people attending.

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.

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 handed to Cornerstone staff on Sunday mornings or emailed to Emily or Meredith if you are comfortable with that option. 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 this Sunday, May 9th, all areas of A.D. Players at the George Theater will become mask optional and distancing requirements will be 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?

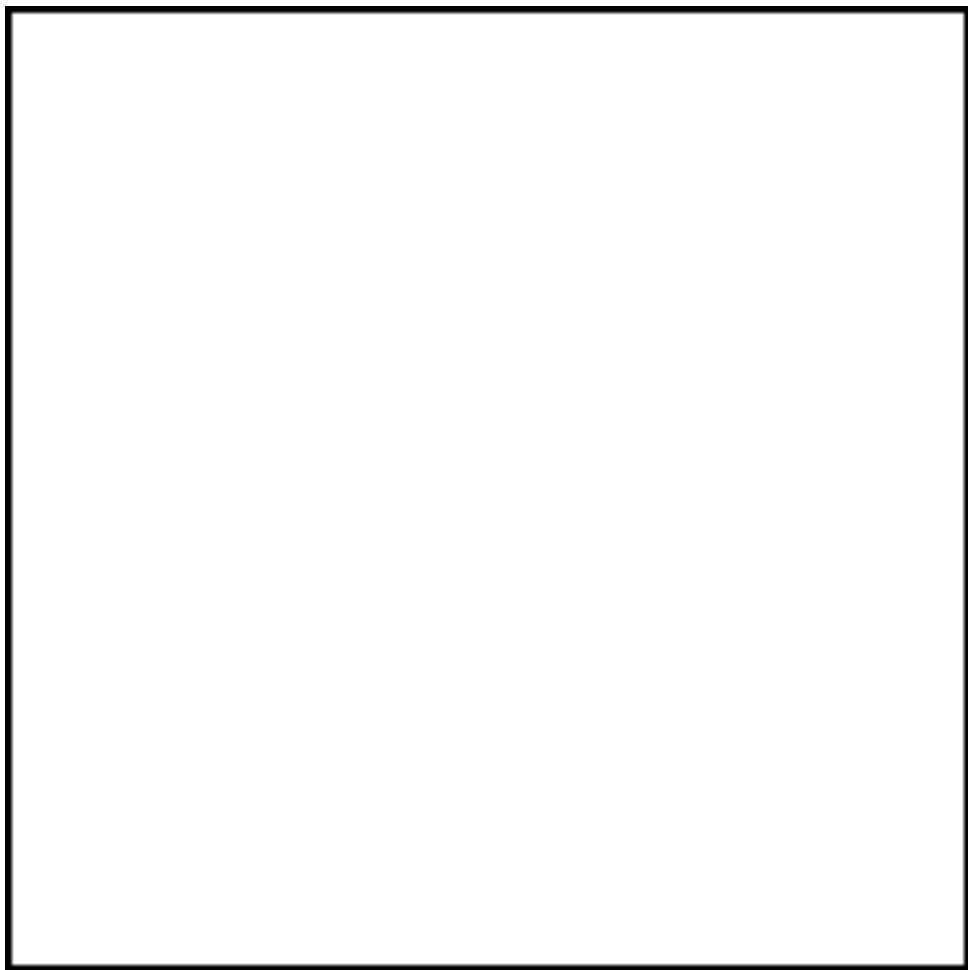
Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and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

G	V	Q	U	X	H	S	U	L	T	L	H	N	C	Q
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BROTHERS, COMFORT, ETERNAL, FATHER, GRACE, HOPE,
JESUS, SPOKEN, TRADITIONS, WORDS

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!

____' _____
O S H T N E S R E H T O R B

D N A T S M R I F D N A

D L O H O T E H T

S N O I T I D A R T

T A H T U O Y E R E W

T H G U A T Y B S U

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Color the Picture

Color the picture of Paul writing to the Thessalonians



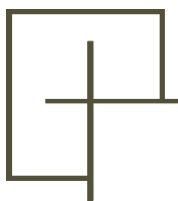
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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- 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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