



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

February 28, 2021

***Call to Worship** | Zephaniah 3:17 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him.

The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

***Prayer of Adoration** | Psalm 139:1-12

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

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!**
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 3 You search out my path my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**
- 7 Where shall I go from your spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?**
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 10 Even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"**
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as day,
for darkness is as light with you.**

*Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 1

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

Leader: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

*Song of Confession | Holy Spirit

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

/ There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope
Your Presence Lord

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free,
And my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

**Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your Glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord
You're Presence Lord /**

/// Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the Glory of Your Goodness ///

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Katie Torwalt, Bryan Torwalt

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.

Lament | Proverbs 14:10

A lament is our expression of grief and frustration at the brokenness of the world. This is an act of faith as we turn to God as our only source of hope and comfort.

**The heart knows its own bitterness,
and no stranger shares its joy.**

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.

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, to live in your light and walk in your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:6-8

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.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | 1Thessalonians 3:11-4:12 | Blake Arnoult
God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

3:11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

4:1 Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. 2 For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: That you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 8 Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

9 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, 11 and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, 12 so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"God's Will For Us, Our Desire For Him"

1, 2 Thessalonians - Struggle Unto Triumph

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 | Sweet Comfort

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever he does
And follow where he guides

**Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart**

Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
He holds me in his hand

Chorus

This bitter cup, I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

Chorus

He is my God through dark my road
He holds me, I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains is right
To him I leave it all

Music and Lyrics: Latifah Phillips and Sandra McCracken

*Departing Song | Abide With Me

We begin to end in faith and song.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,

Thou has not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Music and Lyrics: Henry Lyte and William Monk

***Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 | 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.

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus,
direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase
and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,
13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before
our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his
saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Bible Studies - Adults

Women's Zoom Bible Study: In-Person, Tuesday, March 2 @7:30pm,
<https://www.cornerstonehouston.com/women>

Men's Zoom Bible Study: In-Person, Tuesday, March 9 @7:30pm,
<https://www.cornerstonehouston.com/men>

Spring Middle School (5th-8th)

Monthly Zoom meeting Bible study with Blake from 2-2:30pm on
Feb 28 & Mar 21.

Weekly Prayer

Church-wide Zoom Prayer Meeting: every Wednesday @11:30am,
starting January 6th led by Blake.

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

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

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www.cornerstonehouston.com/resources or anywhere you normally listen to podcasts.

GIVING

Online Donations

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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?

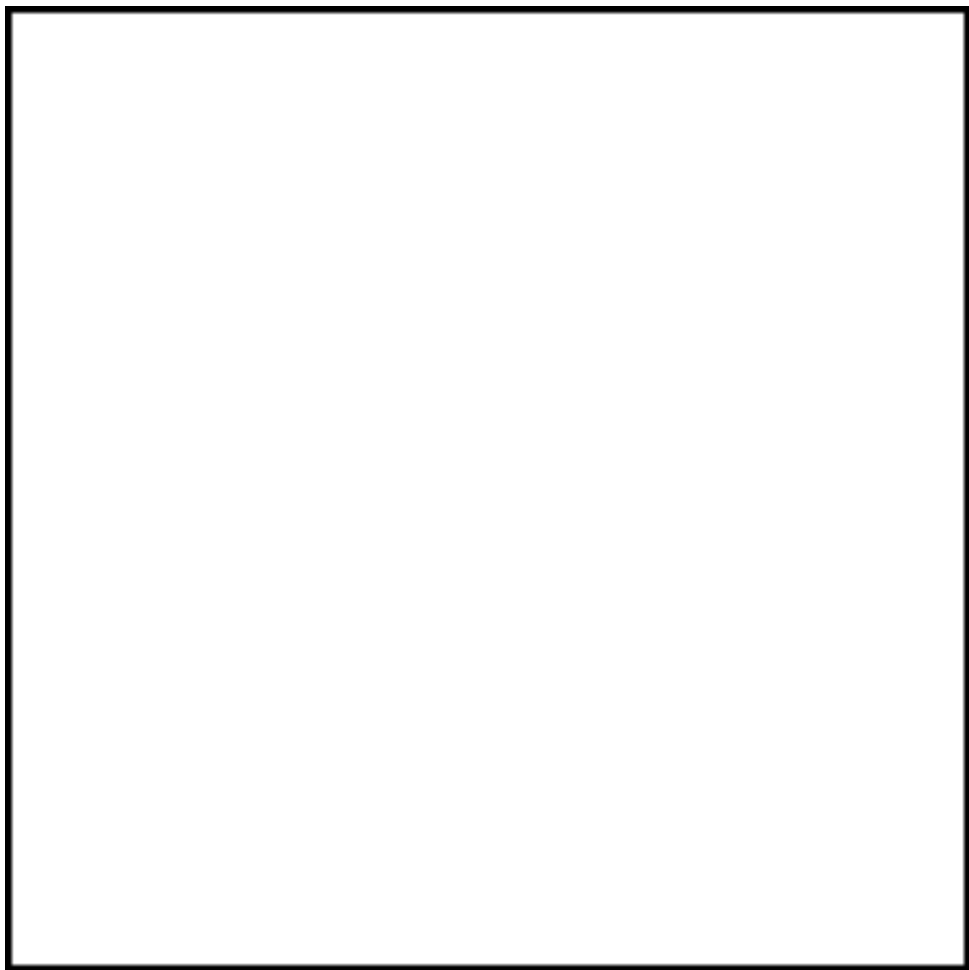
Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and 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 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12!

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BROTHERS, GENTILES, HOLINESS, HOLY SPIRIT,
HONOR, IMPURITY, JESUS, LOVE, MACEDONIA,
SANCTIFICATION

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.

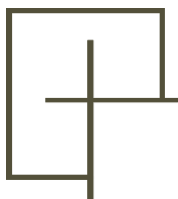
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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- 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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