

CHRIST THE
Cornerstone
EPHESIANS 2:19-22

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SERIES



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, March 6, 2022

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SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

In Christ Alone

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 118:19-24 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | 1 Peter 2:4-5 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

Come Thou Fount

PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Your Glory

No Longer Slaves

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Brown Peterson, Assistant Pastor & Director of Student Ministry

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Who You Say I Am

BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)

Title: Christ the Cornerstone

Teacher: Brown Peterson

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

NEW CITIZENSHIP

NEW FOUNDATION

NEW BUILDING

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His ways and work. Reflect and praise His design and love for reaching the world through the church. Be thankful that He has taken you from a stranger to a child, built you His foundation, and has made you a piece of His glorious Temple that is being built where His Spirit will dwell.
2. How are you still attached and identifying as a citizen of this world? How are you living in such a way that you ignore the reality that you have the Spirit in you and that you are a block in this new building? Repent of your low earthly gaze and lack of enjoyment of being one piece in His church.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to be the cornerstone for the building you are a part of. Thank Him that His works, words, and character are the direction for all other blocks being added. Praise Him for why you love being a citizen, with Him being your King. Who do you know that is looking everywhere to belong?
4. Who do you know that is desperately searching for a home where they will be loved and treasured? Pray that they hear the gospel of God's love toward them and that they would want to be a part of a church. Ask the Holy Spirit to be loud in our lives.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to make His presence known in every moment of every day and that we would enjoy His direction, work, conviction, encouragement as He continues to shape us and build us into a glorious Church.

