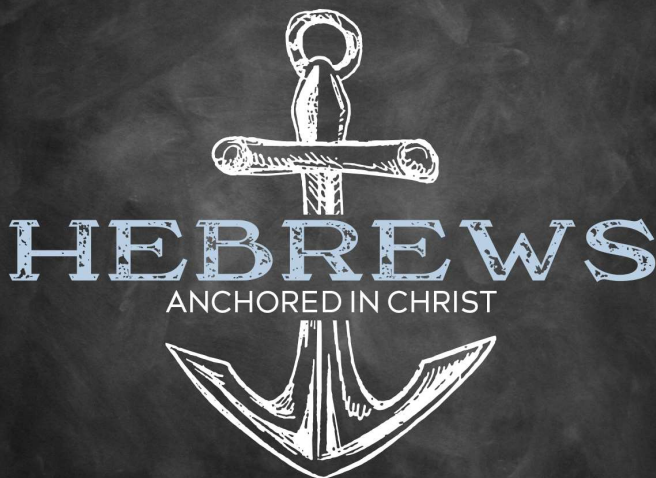


# Cornerstone

*Love God · Love Others*



**November 19, 2023**

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## **Order of Service**

**Welcome**

**Missions Moment Videos: Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh**

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 103:1-5*

**Worship in Song**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

*Come Thou Fount*

*The Blessing*

**Baptism: Silvio Armand Piotti**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offertory**

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*A Call to Faith and Patience*

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**Closing Song**

*King Of Kings*

**Benediction**

## Our Vision

To see the love of God transform people into mature disciples of Jesus Christ who love God above all else and who sacrificially love others

## Welcome

Welcome to Cornerstone! We are glad you are with us this morning! We encourage all our guests to check in with us at our Welcome Table in the front lobby where we have a small gift for you. Please scan this QR code to let us know you were here.



We desire to be a church family that prioritizes shepherding care for one another. Particularly in times of crisis or hardship, we hope that no one would feel alone or without help. Pastor Billy, Pastor Dave, Tim, any of our elders, or shepherding associates would be happy to talk with you.

## Ways to Connect

- **Weekly Update** - to subscribe, email us at [office@cornerstonepca.com](mailto:office@cornerstonepca.com).
- **Website** - [www.CornerstonePCA.com](http://www.CornerstonePCA.com)  
Check out the different opportunities to get involved via the ministry pages for Life Groups, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, etc.
- **Facebook Public Page** - [www.facebook.com/CornerstonePCAchurch](http://www.facebook.com/CornerstonePCAchurch)
- **Facebook Private Community Group** -  
See "Groups" on our Facebook Page
- **Facebook Private Children's Ministry Group** -  
See "Groups" on our Facebook Page
- **Instagram** - @cornerstone\_pca
- **Text Message Alerts** - Text CornerstonePCA (case sensitive) to 1-610-540-5067 or email the office at [office@cornerstonepca.com](mailto:office@cornerstonepca.com) with your name and cell phone number, and we will add you to the list.
- **Office Phone:** 610-255-5512
- To submit a **Prayer Request**, or sign up to receive our **Prayer Request Emails**, send an email to [office@cornerstonepca.com](mailto:office@cornerstonepca.com).
- **Weekly Ministry Prayer Texts** - Pray for the mission, vision, and ministries of our church. Text PRAY (case sensitive) to 1-610-540-5067 or email the office at [office@cornerstonepca.com](mailto:office@cornerstonepca.com) with your name and cell phone number, and we will add you to the list.
- **Online Directory** - If you would like to be included, email the office at [office@cornerstonepca.com](mailto:office@cornerstonepca.com).

## Coming This Week

Our church office hours - Tuesday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm.

### **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School, 9:00-9:45am, Various Rooms

Worship Service, 10:00-11:15am, Sanctuary

Monte de Sion Worship Service, 12:00-3:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Nursery

Member Private Event (Pickleball), 1:00-3:00pm, Gym

Outside Group - Lampstand, 6:00-8:00pm, Gym

Revolution, 6:30-8:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Youth Café, Youth game Room

### **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Church Office Closed

Open Basketball, 7:00-9:00pm, Gym

Titus 2 Connect Group, 7:00-9:00pm, Room 210

### **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Open Volleyball, 7:00-9:00pm, Gym

### **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Church Office Closed: Happy Thanksgiving!

Monte de Sion Worship Service, 5:00-9:30pm, Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

Church Office Closed

Member Private Event (Pickleball), 9:00am-12:00pm, Gym

### **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

Open Basketball, 7:00-9:00am, Gym

## The Lord's Supper

We celebrate The Lord's Supper on the last Sunday of every month.

# Announcements

## CHURCH LIFE:

**Advent begins Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** We encourage you to set aside time individually or as a family to focus on the birth of our Savior. We have resources available that our staff recommends. Visit the table in the lobby to preview and/or purchase the book options. In addition, you could read the Gospel of Luke. There are 24 chapters in the book of Luke. Read one a day by yourself or with your family.

**Budget Meeting:** Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall, there is a special meeting to present the 2024 budget to the congregation. While we will still present an overview of the budget at our Annual Congregational meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, this special budget meeting will allow for an in-depth presentation and time for questions.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Join us Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We will celebrate what God has done in and through Cornerstone this past year. Additionally, Tim Malone, Kevin Smith, Dave Spangler and Seth Watts will be standing for re-election as ruling elders. Craig Weaver will be standing for election as ruling elder. Bios for all of these men are available by scanning the QR code to the right. Keith Green and Joe Irwin will be standing for re-election as deacons. We will also be voting on corporation officers: Keith Green for president, Craig Wellman for secretary, and Jeff Scheidt for treasurer. Bios for all of these men are available by scanning the QR code on the left. A full agenda for the meeting is available in the office.



**Help us Decorate for Christmas:** There are two options for helping!

1) Help bring the decorations down from the attic on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service.

2) Come at 2:00pm on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, to help us hang wreaths, assemble trees, decorate trees, hang garland, and more. Dinner will be provided for anyone that lasts that long!

Sign up to help by scanning the QR code to the right.



**Birthday Party for Jesus:** Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am in Rooms 103 & 104. Games and activities for children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. This event takes place during the Congregational Meeting and provides a place for the children to be while their parents are in the meeting.

**A Praying Life Seminar - January 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** Many of us are quietly defeated in our private prayer lives. We've tried praying, but it just doesn't seem to work. So we feel a combination of frustration and guilt. In this seminar, we will learn step-by-step how to begin a private life of prayer in fellowship with our heavenly Father. This seminar is not for victorious

## Announcements Continued

Christians, but Christians who often find themselves defeated in the trenches. It deals with such practical questions as...

How do you stay focused when you are distracted with so much to do?

How do you pray longer than five minutes?


How do you pray when your own life is messed up?

How do you ask when you've tried it before and it doesn't work?

The seminar will be on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> (6:00-9:15pm) and Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (8:00am-12:30pm). The cost is \$15 per person (including materials). Scan the QR code on the right to register. Any questions, please contact Kevin Smith at [kevinsmith@outlook.com](mailto:kevinsmith@outlook.com).



### MEN'S MINISTRY:

 **Bonfire, Brats, and Bean Bags** - Final Men's Event for 2023 - December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00-6:00pm at Kurt Niehaus'. Weather permitting. RSVP with the QR code on the left.

**Questions or ideas for Men's Ministry?** Contact Men's Ministry Coordinator Bob Mercer at [men@cornerstonepca.com](mailto:men@cornerstonepca.com).

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

**Christmas Brunch:** Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm. Our speaker will be Serena Reyle. All women 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited.

Breakfast casseroles, fruit, and pastries will be served. The event is free, but registration is required. Please register with the QR code to the right. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and invite a friend or neighbor.



**Retreat at Black Rock:** Join us on February 9<sup>th</sup> - February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Black Rock Retreat Center for our bi-annual women's retreat as we take "A Journey Toward the Heart of God" with our guest speaker Eileen Williams. Stay for the weekend or come for the day on Saturday. Early bird discount available for registrations made through November 26<sup>th</sup>. Register today to let us know you are coming. Payment is not due until mid-January. Pricing details and registration are available on the women's ministry webpage or by scanning the QR code on the left. This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones.

### STUDENT MINISTRY:

Scan the QR code to the right for the Revolution fall calendar.

 For the UTX fall calendar, scan the QR code on the left.

**Revolution:** Tonight, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30pm.

Please contact Tim Malone at [tim@cornerstonepca.com](mailto:tim@cornerstonepca.com) with any questions.



## Missions

### Missionary of the Month: Pastor Ayub - Serving with the Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh (PCB)

The Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh (PCB) is a small denomination that began in 2009 in a country with only .3% Christians and 91% Muslims. They have around 20 formal churches, with 90 cell groups. The 3 pillars of the church are 1) church leadership training, 2) its Gospel Reformation Study Center, and 3) Christian literature. Pastor Ayub has written and translated more than 40 books. One of his first translations was Louis Berkhof's Systematic Theology, and most recently he translated the Westminster Larger Catechism. Those who lead cell groups are expected to share the gospel with 40 people every month using the basic Evangelism Explosion (EE) structure, as well as their own PCB books and tracts. The study center is an institution designed to train Christians as disciple makers and build churches among the Bangla-speaking Muslim population. Courses are open to both Muslims and Christians in order to fairly and thoroughly teach orthodox Islam and Reformed Christianity in an objective way. PCB church planters should also know the Constitution of Bangladesh, civil law, Christian law, biblical and Reformed doctrine, apologetics, and ethics in order to both defend and promote their faith with Muslims.

Pray for:

1. Gratia Children's Home - this home raises children from poor families and orphans from PCB's congregations. They currently have 18 children in the program and are expecting 13 more orphans in January.
2. Couples Camp - begun this year, the objective is to equip families for working in the field as church planters. The curriculum provides training on how to lead cell groups. Church planting is currently going on in 18 different locations, and 3 new fields will be opened this month.
3. PCB Mission School - The school was established to provide quality education to the local community in English from nursery through grade 5, and in Bangla from grades 6-8. This was to fulfill their cultural mandate to be good neighbors and to provide some income for PCB programs. They want to complete their building by December, and add grades 9-10.

## Prayer Requests

**Pray for our country, and our state and federal leaders.**

**Pray for our grieving families.**

**\*Elsie Haines:** Elsie was hospitalized last weekend with extremely low hemoglobin. She received a couple of blood transfusions (among other treatments) and is feeling much, much better now. The doctors will continue to follow up with her to figure out what may have caused this to happen. Elsie is in good spirits and the Haines family all feel so loved by their church family! Thank you all so much!

**\*Mark Freed:** Mark has been receiving chemotherapy treatment for Stage 4 Colorectal Cancer over the past 11 months. As the cancer adapts to the treatment and becomes less effective, his doctor is investigating new treatment plans, including a promising clinical trial. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors as they evaluate the next stage of his treatment, including acceptance into the right clinical trial, and complete healing of his cancer.

**Laurie Clement's grandnephew, Joshua:** Baby Joshua was finally able to go home on Monday. Thank you for your prayers for his health. Pray now for the family as they adjust.

**Mark Rusinko:** Mark fell off a ladder on October 20<sup>th</sup> and fractured his heel and cannot bear any weight on his foot. Please pray for healing, less pain, more mobility, and for him to get up the stairs soon. Pray also for energy and patience for Jan.

**Jeab Webber's grandmother, Yupa:** Pray for my grandma, Yupa. She is home from the hospital and recovering. She has no concussion from falling but has aches and bruises. She needed to be healed from shingles and be encouraged from not being well (she had been discouraged from being sick and having low energy). Thank you for your love and for praying for her.

**Hannah Detweiler's nephew, Joseph Schoff:** Joseph is doing well and getting used to adjusting his insulin, the dosages, and what he can and cannot eat. The family is doing well with all the changes. He has a doctor's appointment at the end of the month. Please pray for the Dexcom glucose monitoring system to connect properly and report his numbers correctly.

*\* Indicates a new prayer request.*

**Ongoing prayer requests:** Dottie Kaiser, Dot Elliot, Donna Sottung, Karlyn Morgan, Dave Phillips's mom-Jeanne, Ryan Byers' dad-Dave Byers, Sherri Kaiser, & Daniel Rebar.

## Ministry Prayer Focus

Pray for Pastor Leonel and Monte de Sion (Mt. Zion), the Spanish church that meets in our building, that people would love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength, and be built up in the faith.

Pray that in this Thanksgiving season, we would make melody to the Lord with our hearts, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:19-20).

## Giving Options

### *Giving Options - In Person, Online, and Mail*

- In Person Sunday Morning
- Online - You can give one-time or automatically-recurring donations through Vanco Online Giving or the Vanco Mobile App.
  - For Cornerstone's Vanco Online Giving Page, scan the QR code to the right or visit [www.cornerstonepca.com](http://www.cornerstonepca.com) and click on giving.
  - You can download the free Vanco Mobile App from the Apple App store or the Google Play store.
- Mail - Make checks payable to Cornerstone PCA and mail to:  
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 339, Kemblesville, PA 19347



## Giving Financial Update

Weekly general giving + online:	11/12/2023	\$	30,425
Weekly budget requirement:		\$	22,373
YTD general giving budget requirement:		\$	1,029,135
YTD general giving + online:		\$	1,022,528
YTD budget deficit:		\$	6,607
YTD loan payoff giving:		\$	10,785
YTD Building Connections pledged amount:		\$	267,318
YTD Building Connections giving:		\$	136,288



## Worship in Submission to God's Word

### *A Call to Faith and Patience*

#### *Hebrews 6:4-12*

<sup>4</sup>For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup>and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. <sup>7</sup>For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. <sup>8</sup>But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

<sup>9</sup>Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things – things that belong to salvation. <sup>10</sup>For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. <sup>11</sup>And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup>so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

# Sermon Notes

## Intro

### 4 principles of biblical interpretation

1. Simplicity
2. Clarity
3. Consistency
4. Unity

1. Who are these people who have fallen away?

2. What has happened to these people?

3. What are the consequences of what they have done?

4. What are the better things that characterize the saints?

## Discussion Questions

1. How would you defend the simplicity of Scripture against someone who believes that it takes an exceptional education and secret knowledge to rightly interpret the Bible?
2. The principle of clarity states that we must interpret the less clear passages of Scripture by those that are more clear. How is that principle helpful with Hebrews 6:4-6?
3. How does the idea of a bicycle race illustrate the point about slowing down the pace for the sake of the group to grow in maturity together? There are copies of Barb Gallagher's devotional on the pastor's book table.
4. What do you find surprising about those whom it is impossible to restore to repentance? See vs. 4-5.
5. What has happened to these people? See v. 6.
6. What is the danger of being insensitive to this warning?
7. What is the danger of being oversensitive to this warning?
8. What are some things that this passage is not speaking of? See 1 John 1:9, 1 John 2:1, Ezekiel 37:23, and John 10:28.
9. How do we know that this warning, which is meant to be taken very seriously, is not meant to depress us, to lead to hopelessness, but rather to galvanize us to going on with God?

# Who's Who

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Jay Gallagher & Ralph Jarrell, Groundskeepers

## Ministers

The Entire Congregation

### Elders

Rob Gregory - Billy Haines  
Ralph Jarrell - Tim Malone  
George Pauley - David Phillips  
Dan Smith Sr. - Kevin Smith  
Seth Watts

### Shepherding Associates

Sandy Baker - Nancy Brower  
Linda Comyns - Jill Hill  
Jamie Irwin - Penny Kelly  
Colleen McNeill - Becky Mercer  
Serena Reyle - Sue Smith  
Amy Spangler - Nina Watts

### Deacons

Dave Eisenhauer - Jay Gallagher  
Keith Green - Joe Irwin  
Mark Rusinko - Jeff Scheidt  
Craig Wellman

*Deacon of the Week*

Craig Wellman

### Diaconal Associates

Bill Boyes - Linda Comyns  
Betty Dudzinsky - Al Llorens

### Praise Team Members Today

Anita Samis (Worship Leader, Soprano)  
Rich Scott (Tenor, Electric Guitar)  
Jamie DiMaio (Alto)  
Steve Sottung (Acoustic Guitar)  
Ethan Llorens (Piano)  
Rick Dodson (Bass Guitar)  
Buzz Dodson (Drums)  
Jaimie Macartney (Audio Team Leader)  
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John Harris (Production Team Leader, Slides)  
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