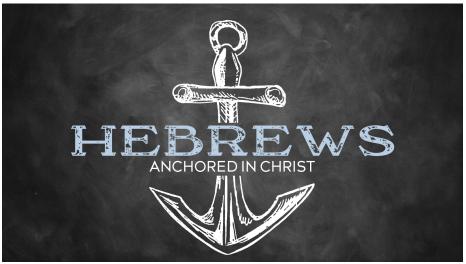
# Cornerstone

**Love God** · Love Others



# January 21, 2024

# **Order of Service**

Welcome

### re | engage Testimony

# Call to Worship

Isaiah 53:10-11

# Worship in Song

How Great Though Art Christ Is Mine Forevermore Worthy

# Congregational Prayer Offertory

Gold

# Worship in Submission to God's Word

Drawing Near to God Hebrews 9:1-14

# **Closing Song**

On Christ The Solid Rock

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 <u>office@cornerstonepca.com</u>.
- Website 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
- 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 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 <u>office@cornerstonepca.com</u>.
- 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 <a href="mailto:office@cornerstonepca.com">office@cornerstonepca.com</a> 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.

# **Coming This Week**

Our church office hours - Tuesday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

### Sunday, January 21st

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

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

Webber Life Group, 11:30am-2:00pm, Room 201, Room 206, Room 210 Monte de Sion Worship Service, 12:00-3:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Nursery Member Private Event (Pickleball), 1:00-3:30pm, Gym

Revolution, 6:30-8:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Youth Rooms

### Monday, January 22nd

Church Office Closed

Member Private Event (Pickleball), 11:00am-1:00pm Gym Women's Ministry Prayer Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Fellowship Hall Open Basketball, 7:00-9:00pm, Gym

### Tuesday, January 23rd

Men's Basketball League Games, 7:00-10:00pm, Gym

### Wednesday, January 24th

Staff Meeting, 1:00-2:00pm, Fellowship Hall Christian Service Brigade Battalion, 6:15-8:00pm, Room 203/204, Gym 2|4 Prayer, 6:30-7:30pm, Room 201 Men's Basketball League Make-up Games; 8:15-10:00pm, Gym

### Thursday, January 25th

Outside Group (Oxford Christian Academy), 12:30-4:30pm, Various Rooms Women's Retreat Music Practice, 6:00-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall Praise Team Practice, 6:30-9:00pm, Sanctuary Shepherding Associate Training, 7:00-9:00pm, Room 201

# Friday, January 26th

MOPS, 9:15am-11:15am, FH, Kitchen, Gym, Nurseries, Preschool Rooms UTX, 7:00-9:00pm, Gym, Fellowship Hall, Youth Café & Game Room

### Saturday, January 27th

Open Basketball, 7:00-9:00am, Gym Open Volleyball, 6:00-9:00pm, Gym

# The Lord's Supper

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

### Announcements

### **CHURCH LIFE:**

**Job Opportunity:** Cornerstone has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant. This is a part-time wage job (approximately 28 hours per week). If interested, email office@cornerstonepca.com to receive a copy of the job description.

Winter Sunday School: Sundays at 9:00am through March 17th. Class descriptions can be found on the brochures in the lobby or on the church website.

Cornerstone Community Night: Wednesday, January 31st from 6:00-8:00pm.

The purpose of Community Night is to provide an opportunity for our church family and friends to gather for a night of fun, food, and fellowship. For this Community Night we will have Chick-fil-A for dinner followed by Bingo! Registration open! Scan

QR code to register no later than Sunday, January 28th. We are also accepting donations of new items to be used as Bingo prizes. We can receive donations through January 28th.

re | engage: Our marriage ministry program is starting a new semester



February 13th! If you want to improve your marriage and build new friendships, this is for you! This is a 14 week course which meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm. Childcare is available. Use the QR Code to the left to register.

Please contact Tim Malone at tim@cornerstonepca.com with any questions.

Officer/Diaconal Associate Suggestion Form: Members, it is your privilege and responsibility to nominate men to be considered for Elders and Deacons, and men and women to serve as Diaconal Associates in our church. Scan the QR code to read more about these positions and to nominate someone.



### CORNERSTONE PRESCHOOL:

Priority enrollment for Cornerstone Preschool for the 2024/2025 school year is open for Cornerstone church and preschool families. Enrollment opens to the community this Tuesday, January 23rd. Scan the QR code here to visit our website. Contact Carolyn Quesenberry at <a href="mailto:cstonepreschool@gmail.com">cstonepreschool@gmail.com</a> with any questions or to set



up a personal tour.

# MEN'S MINISTRY:

Questions or ideas for Men's Ministry? Contact Men's Ministry Coordinator Bob Mercer at men@cornerstonepca.com.

### **Announcements Continued**

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

### Women's Bible Study:

- Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:45am (February 1st through April 25th). Join us in an 11-week study of Romans called In View of God's Mercies by Courtney Doctor. Books and childcare are provided as well as a homeschool art class for kindergarten through 5th grade and a homeschool study hall for 6th -12th graders. Registration is required. Use the OR Code to register.
- Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm (February 7th through April 24th). Join in a study of Thessalonians that follows the schedule of the Wednesday evening children's programs. No preparation required. Come as your schedule allows.

Retreat at Black Rock: Join us on February 9th-11th, 2024 at Black Rock Retreat Center for our women's retreat as we take "A Journey Toward the Heart of



God" with our guest speaker Eileen Williams. The retreat is a wonderful time to get to know other women from Cornerstone. Come for the day Saturday or stay for the whole weekend. It's not too late to join us, but registration does close TOMORROW, Monday, January 22nd!

STUDENT MINISTRY:

### Coming this week:

- Revolution (High School) Tonight, Sunday, January 21st from 6:30-8:30pm at Cornerstone.
- Student Ministry Sports (High School and Middle School) Tuesday, January 23rd, 4:00-5:30pm at Cornerstone in the Gym. We will be playing floor hockey!
- UTX (Middle School) Friday, January 26th, from 7:00-9:00pm at Cornerstone.



Winter calendars are out! Grab a copy from the Student Ministry bulletin board! To view an online copy, scan the QR code on the left for Revolution and on the right for UTX.

Please contact Tim Malone at tim@cornerstonepca.com with any questions.

# **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 <a href="www.cornerstonepca.com">www.cornerstonepca.com</a> 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:	1/14/24	\$ 14,948
Weekly budget requirement:		\$ 23,858
YTD general giving budget requirement:		\$ 47,715
YTD general giving + online:		\$ 30,130
YTD budget deficit:		\$ 17,856
YTD loan payoff giving:		\$ 130
YTD Building Connections pledged amount:		\$ 167,556
YTD Building Connections giving:		\$ 545

# **Missions**

### Missionary of the Month: Bob & Karen Heppe

When Bob and Keren Heppe arrived in London as Serge missionaries in 1994, they could not have foreseen what shape their eventual ministry would take. "Our team had the conviction that the church should present a gospel that not only offered salvation in terms of forgiveness and eternal life, but also provide the means by which broken image-bearers can become functional and productive in community," Bob says.

In addition to engaging in church planting, the Heppes felt led to encourage economic opportunities, "particularly for people who didn't have a great education, who couldn't get jobs, or were stuck in jobs that didn't provide very much dignity or much purpose to them." As a way of building relationships and sharing the gospel, Keren and other teammates began volunteering at a local charity shop (or secondhand store) connected to a church in Southall, a South Asian neighborhood in London. Soon it became clear that the ASHA Charity Shop had created relational and evangelistic opportunities.

**Prayer requests:** As Bob Wrote in his October update letter; "Our visit to South Asia was encouraging, as we saw the preparation for the fourth 8<sup>th</sup> Day Café. The need for the Cafes was driven home one day when we witnessed a line of women pass by us to enter into a room to be interviewed for possible jobs and so come out of the sex business."

- Please pray for the Spirit to draw these women out and they will trust and have faith that there is power for change, and their lives can be transformed. He is willing! While it might seem like an easy decision to make for most of these women, stepping away from the trade is a hard thing to do. It is pretty much the only life they have ever known, and the enemy has a deep, strange hold over their lives. Fear is rampant and stepping out into the unknown is a daunting task.
- Please pray for us as we wade through the spiritual battles that ensue as we look to expand.
- Our growing middle management team has been beset by strife, infighting, and power plays - all the work of the enemy seeking to divert and distract from the kingdom moving forward. Here is the great reason for praying that THE KINGDOM COME with POWER. The darkness, bondage, and spiritual warfare is great.

# **Prayer Requests**

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

Pray for our grieving families.

- \*Bill Boyes: Bill is having double vision, and underwent several tests this week to try and determine the cause. He should have the results in the next week. Pray for healing and the Lord's peace for him and the family.
- \*\*Gary Seydell: Gary is being admitted on Monday, January 22nd to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The electrophysiologist is going to administer an anti-arrhythmic drug in hopes of getting him back in regular sinus rhythm. Patients are admitted to the hospital due to the potential side effects of the drug. Please pray that he will stay in regular sinus rhythm as a result of going on this medication.
- \*\*Mark Freed: Mark had surgery on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to repair a fistula that was causing pain while sitting and walking. The surgery was successful. Please prayer for his fast and continuous healing.

**Joy Evans:** Pray for Joy, recovering from heart surgery and anticipating further treatment for an additional blockage they found. Pray for wisdom and clarity for the doctors, and peace for Joy and Ed.

**Arlene Favreau-Phsher (friend of Laura Hubbard):** Arlene's adult son, Shawn Nascembeni passed away on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> after succumbing to complications from several years long battle with health issues. Please keep Arlene in your prayers as she grieves this loss.

- \* Indicates a new prayer request.
- \*\* Indicates an updated prayer request.

**Ongoing prayer requests:** Mark Rusinko, Dottie Kaiser, Dot Elliot, Karlyn Morgan, Dave Phillips's mom-Jeanne, Sherri Kaiser, and Daniel Rebar.

# **Ministry Prayer Focus**

Pray for our Deacons and Diaconal Associates, that the LORD would guard their hearts as they continue to address the needs of our congregation, care for the property, and plan for facility improvements.

Pray for the Heritage Presbytery (which Cornerstone is in) as they meet on Saturday to do the business of the regional church.

# Worship in Submission to God's Word

# **Drawing Near to God**

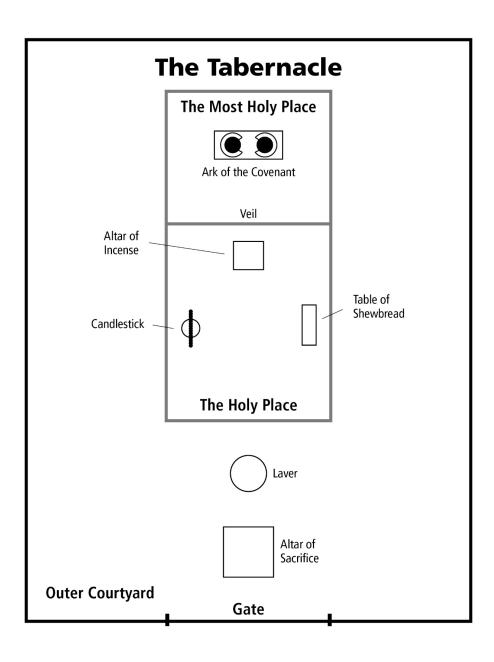
### Hebrews 9:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. <sup>2</sup>For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup>Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, <sup>4</sup>having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup>Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

<sup>6</sup> These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, <sup>7</sup> but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. <sup>8</sup> By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing <sup>9</sup> (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, <sup>10</sup> but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

# **Sermon Notes**

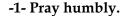


# **Sermon Notes Continued**

Intro	
#1 God wants us to draw near.	
#2 God cares how we draw near.	
#3 God has provided the way to draw near.	

# **Sermon Notes Continued**





-2- Pray boldly.

-3- Pray communally.

"Now the outward face of the temple in its front ... was covered all over with plates of gold of great weight, and, at the first rising of the sun, reflected back a very fiery splendor, and made those who forced themselves to look upon it to turn their eyes away, just as they would have done at the sun's own rays."

- Josephus, Jewish Wars 5.5.6

# **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you think we often struggle to pray? Do you think the problem is more external (i.e. the busyness of our lives) or internal (i.e. our own hearts)?

#### READ VERSES 1-5

- 2. Looking at the description of the temple in verses 1-5, what aspects of the temple:
  - Most demonstrate God's gracious character?
  - Most draw you to God in worship?
  - Most confuse you?
- 3. In the sermon Pastor Billy said that we need to have not just a sense of the *greatness* of God but also a sense of the *graciousness* of God in order to be drawn to him in worship. How has God's grace to you led you to worship him?

#### READ VERSES 6-10

- 4. What is the significance of the rituals performed by the priests in the first and second section of the temple?
- 5. Reflect on the idea that the sacrifices offered under the old covenant could not perfect the conscience of the worshiper (v.9). What does this imply about the limitations of the old covenant? How does Jesus provide a better way?

#### READ VERSES 11-14

- 6. In what ways does the comparison between the earthly tent and the greater and more perfect tent (v.11) help us understand the work of Christ?
- 7. Explore the idea of Jesus entering "once for all into the holy places" with his own blood. What does this communicate about the completeness and sufficiency of his sacrifice?
- 8. Pastor Billy suggested 3 points of application:
  - Pray humbly.
  - Pray boldly.
  - Pray communally.

In which of these three areas would you most like to grow? How so?

9. Thinking about one person in your life, what is one thought or idea from this week's sermon you could share with them to encourage them?

# Who's Who

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### **Ministers**

The Entire Congregation

### **Elders**

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

### **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 Jay Gallagher

#### **Diaconal Associates**

Bill Boyes - Linda Comyns Betty Dudzinsky - Al Llorens

### **Praise Team Members Today**

Craig Weaver (Worship Leader, Drums)
Steve Sottung (Bass, Acoustic Guitar)
Ernie Boyes (Tenor, Electric Guitar)
Rob Tilton (Tenor)
Anita Samis (Soprano)
Roberta Smolka (Piano)
Ethan Llorens (Piano)
Rick Dodson (Bass Guitar)
Jaimie Macartney (Audio Team Leader)
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