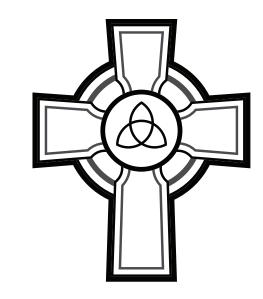
### O Church Arise

O Church Arise and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle-cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory



# **CORNERSTONE**

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\_\_\_\_ Edgefield, South Carolina \_\_\_\_

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

The Lord's Service on the Lord's Day January 14, 2024

#### **Communion Observance**

We invite all baptized saints to join us at the Lord's Table, provided you can agree with the statement of faith listed below, you are a member in good standing with a Bible believing evangelical church, and you are not under church discipline prohibiting you from communion. The baptized children of such saints are also welcome, so long as it does not conflict with the position of their elders.

Confession for Receiving the Lord's Supper

I believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inerrant Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation.

I confess that because of my sinfulness, I cannot save myself, so therefore, I humble myself, and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.

I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my sovereign Lord, and I do promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve Him with all that is in me, to forsake the world, to mortify the deeds of the flesh, and to lead a godly life.

I agree to submit in the Lord to the government of His Church, and in case I am found delinquent in doctrine or practice, to heed its discipline.

### **Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 2**

Question 3: Whence knowest thou thy misery?

Answer: Out of the law of God.

Question 4: What does the Law of God require of us?

Answer: Christ teaches us that briefly, Matt. 22:37-40, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and the great commandment; and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Question 5: Canst thou keep all these things perfectly?

Answer: In no wise; for I am prone by nature to hate
God and my neighbour.

## **Mighty Lord Extend Your Kingdom**

Mighty Lord, extend Your kingdom,
Be the truth with triumph crowned;
Let the lands that sit in darkness
Hear the glorious Gospel sound,
From our borders, From our borders,
To the world's remotest bound.

By Your arm, eternal Father, Scatter far the shades of night; Let the great Immanuel's kingdom Open like the morning light; Let all barriers, Let all barriers, Yield before Your heavenly might.

Come in all Your Spirit's power;
Come, Your reign on earth restore;
In Your strength ride forth and conquer,
Still advancing more and more,
Till all people, Till all people,
Shall Your holy Name adore.

Mighty Lord, extend Your kingdom, Be the truth with triumph crowned; Let the lands that sit in darkness Hear the glorious Gospel sound, From our borders, From our borders, To the world's remotest bound.



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Silent Preparation & Meditation - Psalm 139:1-10

### **†** God Calls His People – from Ps 29

Leader: Give unto the LORD the glory due to His Name. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

All: The Voice of the LORD is powerful. The Voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: In His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

All: The LORD will give strength to His people. The LORD will bless His people with peace.

### **†** ENTRANCE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Christian Hearts in Love United" - 410

### **†** The Conviction of Sin

Leader: Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

## All: Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach us Your statutes.

Leader: "You shall have no other gods before Me."

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them"

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain."

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

## All: We have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches.

Leader: "Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet."

# All: We will delight ourselves in Your statutes. We will not forget Your Word.

Leader: Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

All: Gracious Father, we have gone astray like lost sheep. Seek Your servants, for we do not forget Your commandments.

God's People Respond with Corporate Prayer Led by Men of Cornerstone

**†** Hymn of Intercession:

"Mighty Lord, Extend Your Kingdom" (p10)

† Leader: Now, O God, we pray the way the Lord Jesus instructed us:

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

### **God Communes with His People:**

The Lord's Supper

†All: Hallelujah! The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all of our sins.

†God's People Respond in Praise: "O Church Arise" - p12

### **God Commissions His People:**

**†**Benediction: Numbers 6: 24 − 26

Leader: The Lord Bless you and Keep you. The Lord make His Face Shine upon you and be Gracious to you. The Lord lift up His Countenance upon you and give you Peace.

†God's People Respond to His Commission Blessing: Jude 24,25

All: Now, to Thee, O God, Who is able to keep us from stumbling, and to make us stand in the presence of Thy glory blameless with great joy, to Thee, the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Amen!

#### Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Blessed Lord, Who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen!

Preaching of the Word of God: Acts 18:18-23 "Paul's Planning Principles"

**†**God's People respond with Praise "Fairest Lord Jesus" - 283

God's People Respond by Confessing their Faith:
Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 2 Q3-5 (p11)
-Central Valley Presbyterian Church, Ceres, CA
Pastors Gregg, Langley, & Walker
-Heritage Presbyterian Church, Centerville, TN
Pastors Lovett, Bradshaw & Evans

God's People Respond by the Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Leader: Almighty and Gracious God, the only Creator and
Possessor of the earth and all its fullness, like Abel,
Abraham, Jacob and all the faithful, acknowledging
You always give us our daily bread, we gladly bring
You the tithe You command of us. Jesus our Good
Shepherd said we must tithe, and we now cheerfully obey.

All: Amen! We offer ourselves to You, O God, asking You to have regard for us and our tithes and offerings.

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

† All Singing: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **The Confession of Sin**

Hymn of Confession:

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?" - 337

- † † Silent Confession of sin
- † † Corporate Prayer of Confession of Sin– Calvin Geneva Liturgy (1543)

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### † Prayer of national confession, adapted from Daniel 9

Leader: Gracious Lord, You are forever faithful to Your covenant, blessing those who keep covenant with You, but, at this time, the people of our land have rejected You and Your glorious Ways as revealed in Your Holy Word.

All: "O Lord, the great and awesome God, Who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love You and keep Your commandments, our nation has sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your Holy Word. We have abandoned our First Love and rejected Jesus Christ the only King."

Leader: So, in faithfulness to Your covenant, You have brought the promised curses upon us. We admit and acknowledge that this nation deserves to be destroyed and wiped off this land. We are a weak, sick and dying land, without hope unless we repent before You of our sins.

All: Compassion and forgiveness belong to You,
O merciful God, so we appeal to Your infinite
mercy, revealed to us in Christ's death, that Your
wrath would turn away from us. Grant us the
mercy of widespread repentance and return to
Your Holy Ways.

Leader: May this nation love You and serve You and live according to all Your glorious Ways, keeping covenant with You and experiencing the attendant prosperity, security and blessings of being Your faithful people.

All: We ask this not because of any merit in us, but only according to the perfect merits and righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord, Savior, and Eternal King. Amen.

† The Assurance of Pardon – Ro 5:8-11; Jer 31:34; Rev 1:5

Leader: God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Hear the comforting Word from our Father in heaven: "I forgive your iniquity and your sin I remember no more."

All: Hallelujah! Jesus Christ loves us and has washed us from our sins in His Own Blood!

### **†** Hymn of Rejoicing in Forgiveness

"Before the Throne of God Above" - 277

† Leader: Lift up your hearts!

† All: We lift them up unto the Lord!

**†** Leader: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God!

† All: It is meet and right so to do!

Prayer of Rejoicing in Forgiveness of Sin – Mr. Robert Peatman

### **God Consecrates His People:** – from Jude; Ephesians 3

†Leader: Beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the Love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

†All: Oh, gracious Father, we ask You to grant us, according to the riches of Your glory, to be strengthened with might through Your Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the Love of Christ which passes knowledge; that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

† All Sing: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

OT Reading – 1 Sam 3 (p418) – Mr. Robby Maddox

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to Thee, O God.

Trinity Psalter - Psalm 119:9-16

NT Reading – 1 Cor 6:12-20 (p1759) – Mr. T J Willoner

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to Thee, O God!

**†**Gospel Reading: **Jn 1:43-51(p1637)** 

Leader: This is the Word of Christ.

All: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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