

Our vision is 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.

Weekly Bulletin

December 7th, 2025

Welcome to Cornerstone!

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior: we open our doors with a welcome from Jesus, the friend of sinners. Particularly in times of crisis or hardship, we hope that no one would feel alone or without help. Our pastoral staff, our elders, or our shepherding associates would be happy to talk with you.

Let's Connect!



SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Welcome

Call to Worship

Advent Reading – Isaiah 40:3-5 Wright Family

Worship in Song

Angels From the Realms Of Glory Firm Foundation (He Won't) His Glory And My Good

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Genesis 3 Choral Recital

Worship in Submission to God's Word

Saved from the Condemnation of God John 3:14-18, Numbers 21:4-9 Billy Haines, Senior Pastor

Missions Moment & Baptism

Xiangxiang Guo

Closing Song

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Benediction

Coming This Week

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

Sunday, December 7

Budget Meeting, 9:00-9:45am, Fellowship Hall Student & Children's 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

Monday, December 8

Church Office Closed Missions Committee, 7:00-9:00pm, Room 201 Open Basketball, 7:00-9:00pm, Gym

Tuesday, December 9

Men's Ministry – Flawed, but Faithful, 6:45-8:00am, Fellowship Hall Women's Monthly Morning Prayer Meeting, 9:00-10:00am, Room 210 Battle for the Heart Group, 2:45-4:15pm, Little Loft Titus 2 Connect Group, 6:30-8:30pm, Lobby Open Volleyball, 7:00-9:30pm, Gym

Wednesday, December 10

Member Private Event, 10:30-11:30am, Library Outside Group – Towle Basketball, 3:00-6:00pm, Gym

Thursday, December 11

Staff Meeting, 12:00-1:30pm, Lobby Praise Team Practice, 6:30-9:00pm, Gym

Friday, December 12

Preschool Mother's Morning Out, 8:30-11:30am, Preschool Wing, Gym, FH Member Private Event, 1:30-5:00pm, Youth Café Outside Group – Towle Basketball, 3:30-5:30pm, Gym UTX Christmas Party (Middle School), 7:00-9:30pm, Gym, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 13

Women's Christmas Brunch, 10:00am-12:00pm, Fellowship Hall, Gym, Kitchen Open Basketball, 7:00-9:00am, Gym

Announcements

The Lord's Supper is usually celebrated on the last Sunday of the month.

CHURCH LIFE:

Christmas at Cornerstone: Read below to know what is happening at Cornerstone this Christmas season.

- Advent Sunday Worship Services: "Far as the Curse is Found" November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st at 10:00am.
- Christmas Invitation Bags: These gift bags are for you to invite a friend, relative, neighbor, or coworker to join us this Christmas season. Each bag has an invitation to Christmas services and candy.
- **Digital Christmas Invitation:** We have created an image that we would love for you to share on social media. You can download the image by scanning the QR code, or you can share it directly from our Facebook Page. Thank you in advance!
- Christmas Cookies and Hot Cocoa Bar: Join us after the worship service on Sunday, December 21st in Fellowship Hall. We would love to have homemade cookies! If you are able, please bring a plate of cookies to share.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services: 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Birthday Party for Jesus: Next Sunday, December 14th, 9:00am in Rooms 103 & 104. Games and activities for children 5th 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 annual congregational meeting.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Next Sunday, December 14th at 9:00am. We will celebrate what God has done in and through Cornerstone this past year. Tim McHugh will be standing for election as Elder and Kurt Niehaus for Deacon. In addition, George Pauley will be standing for re-election as Elder and Jay Gallagher, Mark Rusinko, and Jeff Scheidt will be standing for re-election as Deacons. We will also be voting on corporation officers: Joe



Irwin for President, Kurt Niehaus for Secretary, and Jeff Scheidt for Treasurer. Bios for all these men are available by scanning the Elders QR code on the left and the Deacons QR code on the right. Finally, we will be voting on amendments to

Cornerstone's bylaws. An agenda for the meeting and proposed amendments to the bylaws are available in the office. The proposed amendments to the bylaws are also displayed in the

lobby.

Re | Engage Marriage Ministry: Our new semester begins Wednesday, February 4th, 6:30-8:15pm and meets weekly on Wednesday evenings for 14 weeks. If you want to improve your marriage and build new friendships, this is for you! Re | Engage is meant to deepen your love for Jesus and your spouse. You will also hear other couples share their marriage struggles and joys, through testimonies and small groups. Childcare is available. Use the QR Code to register. Contact Tim Malone at tim@cornerstonepca.com with any questions.

2025 BIBLE MEMORY PLAN:

Cornerstone is coming to the end of a Bible Memory Plan! We have been memorizing 60 different verses which were originally laid out in the Navigator's "Topical Memory System." Each week we work on a new verse, but the real challenge is to continue to review previous verses. For more information and resources, use the QR code. Join us! Just start on the verse for the week.

MEMORY VERSE due December 14, 2025

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 ESV

LOCAL OUTREACH:

Christmas Community Outreach: A huge thank you to all who took a tag to provide gifts for a local child in need! All gifts are due back at church by next Sunday, December 14th. Gifts should be individually wrapped, gathered together in a larger bag (a trash bag is fine) with the family number visible on the outside. If you are not able to "adopt" you can also help by making a monetary donation via Venmo to Jennifer-DiFelice-1 and note PLE/AGI Christmas fund. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Oliver at hollyoliver@gmail.com or Melissa Scheidt at imscheidt@comcast.net.

THE BRIDGE DISABILITY MINISTRY:

The Bridge Disability Ministry Update: God is growing our church family in beautiful ways, and we are praying as we welcome more children with disabilities to Cornerstone. The Bridge is launching a new Sensory Room—a calm, welcoming space where every child can experience the love and belonging of Christ's body.

We are seeking adult leads as well as adult and teen one-on-one volunteers to serve with children who may need extra support on Sunday mornings. This is a chance to reflect the heart of 1 Corinthians 12:22–23, which reminds us that, "those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable."

We especially encourage the teens and adults who served at Joni and Friends Family Retreat this summer to consider continuing that ministry here at Cornerstone. Your care, patience, and presence make a lasting impact. To learn more or get involved, please contact Sue Smith, Disability Coordinator, at sue@cornerstonepca.com or 610-247-1610.

Resources Available During Service: *Adult and child-size earplugs if you struggle with loud noise (see Audio Tech at Sound Booth) *Chairs with arms if needed (see an Usher) *Sensory bags for children (see Jen Smith's table behind Sound Booth) *Resource books (see Sue Smith, Room 103).

MEN'S MINISTRY

Weekly Devotions: Fridays at 6:00am at Bob Mercer's home in Newark, DE. Just show up! Coffee will be ready and a breakfast snack. Contact Bob at men@cornerstonepca.com for address.

"Great Men of the Bible: Flawed but Faithful" Bible Study: Join us in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays from 6:45-8:00am for livestream with Dr. Pete Alwinson, our retreat speaker. There is a 35 minute lesson followed by small group time. Coffee and snacks provided. Email dave@cornerstonepca.com with questions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY:



Ladies' Christmas Brunch: This Saturday, December 13th at 10:00am. All women and girls in 6th grade and older are invited to join us for a morning of worship, food, fellowship, and a special message. Registration is required and can be done by scanning the

QR code.

Women's Retreat: Join us January 30th - February 1st, 2026, at Black Rock Retreat Center for our bi-annual Women's Retreat "Beauty for Ashes" with our guest speaker Sue Corl and team from Crown of Beauty International. Stay for the weekend or come for the day on Saturday. **Early bird discount has been extended for**



registrations made through tomorrow, December 8th. Register today to let us know you are coming. Payment is not due until early January. This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones. Scan the QR code for pricing details and registration.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00am, from February 5th through April 30th. Childcare is provided (nursery, homeschool art class for K-5th grade--fee \$35, and homeschool study hall for 6th-12th grade). Registration is required; you may use the QR code. We will study the book of Titus to explore every verse of Paul's letter to his friend Titus. We'll see the essential connection between right belief and right character and the way both testify to the goodness of the gospel. And we'll be reminded that our world will be attracted to the gospel when they see its beauty displayed in us.

IMPACT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

Impact is Cornerstone's ministry for young adults post high school and into their early 30's. Our vision is to build a community at Cornerstone that focuses on spiritual growth and discipleship in order to serve and reach our community with the gospel.

Join us Thursday evenings at 7:00pm at the Weaver's house (296 Baker Drive, Lincoln University) for Bible study and fellowship. We are studying *Ecclesiastes: Life in the Light of Eternity;* confronting life's emptiness apart from God and discovering lasting meaning through a deeper trust in our Creator.

Email Bryson Morgan brymorgan22@gmail.com with any questions. Follow us on Instagram: @impact_cornerstonepca.

STUDENT MINISTRY:

Revolution (Grades 9-12); UTX (Grades 6-8)

Coming this Week:

UTX Christmas Party (Middle School), this Friday, December 12th from 7:00-9:30pm.

Winter calendars are coming soon!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

- This month in children's church, both classes are learning about Jesus' family tree by using the "tool" of the Jesse Tree. Children will be hearing about stories and people from the Old Testament and how they connect to Jesus. One of the goals of these lessons is for children to understand that all of Scripture points to Jesus.
- The memory verse for December is Isaiah 9:6. Kids can say the verse to Miss Jen for a candy treat.

Giving Information

Giving Update as of November 30, 2025

Weekly giving and online:	\$	5,519
Weekly budget requirement:	\$	26,491
YTD giving and online:	\$1,	339,688
YTD giving budget requirement:	\$1,	271,570
YTD budget surplus:	\$	68,118
YTD loan payoff giving:	\$	9,096
YTD Building Connections giving:	\$	38,607

Ways to Give

In Person: Offering on Sunday Mornings

Mail: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 339, Kemblesville, PA 19347

Online: For Cornerstone's Vanco Online Giving Page, scan QR code

Or visit www.cornerstonepca.com and click "Giving"

You can download the free Vanco Mobile App from the Apple App store or Google Play store which allows one-time or auto-recurring donations.

Missionaries of the Month

Charles and Irene Tchimou

By 2050, Africa is expected to be the center of Christianity, as more than 40% of the world's Christians will reside in Sub-Saharan Africa. However, the African church, plagued by syncretism and prosperity gospel, needs a gospel-centered reformation. MTW's West Africa team is addressing the reform needs of West African Christianity by revitalizing and planting churches and especially training pastors in the Reformed tradition through the Timothy House model, a two-year residential church planter training center by MTW's West African Reformed Mission.

As Americans and natives of Ivory Coast and Cameroon respectively, Charles and Irene are excited to join the team as a bridge between them and their African partners and help fulfill WARM's vision of replicating the impactful Timothy House model across West Africa. Thus, after training in Senegal, Charles and Irene will relocate to Sierra Leone to explore creating a Timothy House there to spur the growth of its young Presbyterian Church in the Reformed covenantal tradition.

Charles completed an M.Div. at Westminster Theological Seminary, Pennsylvania. Irene is a registered nurse with a master's in nursing education. She will help with women's ministry, health promotion, and disease prevention education, among other responsibilities.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God that Irene has fully retired from nursing and is now able to focus entirely on support raising.

Pray that Irene will experience complete joy and deep fulfillment in this new role.

Praise God that we have reached 97% of our monthly support.

Please pray that God will raise faithful believers and Great Commission—minded churches to help cover the remaining **3**% so that we can reach 100% of our monthly support needs.

Please pray for God to raise supporters to help cover the remaining \$28,000 our one-time expense budget, which covers relocation and field setup costs. **Please pray** for Charles as he prepares for his ordination exams.

Pray that the Lord would grant him focus, clarity, strong retention, and joy as he stays in God's presence during his studies.

Pray that Charles will complete both his written and oral exams by the end of February, to be ordained by **March 2026.**

Prayer Requests

Pray for our county, and our state, federal, and local leaders.

*Tim Malone Family: Tim Malone's dad passed away on December 2nd. Tim was thankful to be at his bedside the whole time. Please pray for the Malone family as they grieve, that they would rest in the LORD and his eternal promises found in Jesus.

**Suzie McLaughlin: Suzy found out this week that she may be in rehab in Ware Presbyterian Village Health Center until Christmas. She is thankful for her new hip, however. Pray for a speedy recovery so she might be able to return home soon.

Becky Pritchard (Richard Rush's Sister): Please pray for Richard Rush's sister, Becky Pritchard, in Sumter, SC. Becky has surgery scheduled for this Tuesday, December 9th, to remove a malignant tumor behind her right eye, at which time she will also have her right eye removed. The surgery will be followed by 6 weeks of proton radiation treatments in Jacksonville, FL. Please lift up prayers for this sweet sister, mother and grandmother.

Dottie Kaiser: Dottie, who is on hospice, is now bedridden and feeling up and down. Pray for her to know Jesus' ever present, never failing love. Pray also for her husband Roger, her son Douglas, and her daughter-in-law Donna who are caring for her.

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

Ongoing prayer requests: Sandy Baker, Stephanie Boyes, Larry Burgin, Joe Dudzinsky, Larry Genovese, Karlyn Morgan, Steve Schappert, Dave Byers (Ryan's dad), Dan Roloff (Barb Gallagher's uncle), Sherri Kaiser (Roger and Dottie's daughter-in-law), Judy McGowen (Becky Mercer and Barbara Miriello's mom), Terry McHugh (Tim's dad), Faye Michaloski (JoAnne Hewlett's mom), Donna Mitchel (Laura Scott's mom), Jeanne Phillips (Dave's mom), Price Family (son, Mason), Shawne (Heidi's Weaver's sister), and Grace Watts (Jim and Nina's daughter-in-law).

Ministry Prayer Focus

Pray for the women's ministry Christmas brunch this Saturday, that visitors would feel welcomed and all attending would leave encouraged to remember the hope of Jesus throughout this advent season.

Pray for the UTX and Revolution Christmas parties happening this weekend, that students would know the hope and joy of Christ's advent, and that newer folks would feel welcome.

Who's Who

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Elders

Billy Haines Ralph Jarrell - Tim Malone George Pauley - David Phillips Kevin Smith - Seth Watts Craig Weaver

Shepherding Associates

Sandy Baker - Nancy Brower Linda Comyns - Jill Hill Jamie Irwin - Colleen McNeill Becky Mercer - Serena Reyle Sue Smith

Praise Team Members Today

Anita Samis (Worship Leader, Alto) Zach Hayes (Acoustic Guitar, Tenor) Rick Dodson (Bass Guitar) Buzz Dodson (Drums) Eva Llorens (Piano)

Deacons

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

Deacon of the Week

Joe Irwin

Morning Host Ioe Irwin

Diaconal Associates

Bill Boyes - Linda Comyns Betty Dudzinsky - Al Llorens Shirley Montgomery

Children's Church Teachers Today

4's - Kindergarten: Amy Gregory, Chris Gregory 1st - 3rd: Kelly Wittman, Emma Jarrell