

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship today! Cornerstone is a community of grace and truth making disciples of Jesus among all people. For more information about who we are and what we do, please visit our website.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"[And] I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

Revelation 21:3

GET CONNECTED

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Meet throughout the area on various nights of the week. These groups gather to share truth, show love, and grow together in Christ.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

For kids nursery through 6th grade we offer weekly Sunday School and Kids Worship, as well as various events throughout the year.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM every week. These classes are geared toward helping you grow in your knowledge of both God and his Word.

YOUTH MINISTRY

For students grades 7-12, we offer a Sunday AM class, Sunday PM youth group, and other events throughout the year.

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Cornerstone

AN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

A COMMUNITY OF GRACE AND TRUTH
MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS
AMONG ALL PEOPLE

GATHERED FOR WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 14, 2025

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us this morning! Each week we gather to worship Christ and be formed and reformed by the story of his gospel, which our order of worship traces. For reference, Scripture readings can be found in the sanctuary Bibles on the pages noted and hymns can be found by their number in the Sing! Hymnal.

GLORIFYING OUR GOD

Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-3 (p. 468)
#780 "Joy to the World"
#781 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

CONFESSING OUR GUILT

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-13 (p. 570-71)
Prayer of Confession

REJOICING IN GRACE

Assurance of Grace: John 1:11-12 (p. 833)
"God Has Spoken By His Prophets"
#772 "Good Christian Men Rejoice"
Congregational Prayer
Gretchen Nutz

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

Offering
Prayer for Missions: Justin and Amanda Culbertson
Michael Higdon
"Love Has Come"
(K-3rd Grade dismissed for Kids' Worship)
Scripture: Luke 2:22-35 (p. 805)
Sermon: Luke 2:22-35 (Simeon's Song)
Pastor John Biegel
"I Cannot Tell"
Benediction



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CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK: DEC 14

Nursery at 9:30am
Marge Athey & Darlene Nye
Nursery at 10:30am
Emilie & Ryan Gunn
Beginner's Church, 10:30am
Kyle & Robyn Entz & Elliette Higdon
Kids' Worship, 10:30am
Maralize Anderson & Rahel Kassa

NEXT WEEK: DEC 21

Nursery at 9:30am
Nicole Britton & Cristin Perry
Nursery at 10:30am
Sam & Monica Tubb
Beginner's Church, 10:30am
Paulo & Pauline Sison & Aubrey Horner
Kids' Worship, 10:30am
Amy Tiilikainen and Gretchen Nutz

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

CHURCH LEADERS

Pastor: John Biegel
Elder: John C. Connell
Deacon for Discipleship:
Steve McIlvaine
Sudanese Outreach:
Kwathi Ajawin
Titus 2: Nicole Britton

CHURCH MINISTRIES:

Adult Sunday School Teachers
Community Group Leaders

CHURCH FAMILIES

Mincer, Chris & Valerie
Montenegro, Valerie
Moore, Luke & Melanie

OUTREACH

Justin and Amanda Culbertson

CHURCH LEADERS

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SERMON NOTES

December 14, 2025

Luke 2:22-35 (Simeon's Song)

With the incarnation we reach the apex of divine revelation—Jesus is God's "final Word." In Luke 2, Simeon reflects on what that "final word" reveals.

I. JESUS REVEALS SALVATION'S RADICALLY INCLUSIVE INVITATION (29-32)

II. JESUS REVEALS SALVATION'S RADICALLY EXCLUSIVE LOCATION (34-35)

UPCOMING SERMONS

December 21: Philippians 2:5-11 (The Church's Song)
December 24: Luke 2:10-14 (The Angels' Song)
December 28: Joshua 1:1-9 (John C. Connell)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

HOLIDAY SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

"The Christmas Story" program - Monday, 12/22 at 10:30am
Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, 12/24 at 6:00pm

THE CHRISTMAS STORY" CHILDREN'S PLAY

Monday, December 22, 10:30 AM

Join us for an informal children's play about the Christmas Story. All children, from infants to 6th graders, are invited to help us act out the Christmas story (and older kids are welcome to come help!) Please RSVP to Ursula Schuttinga at childrensministries@cornerstonefree.org if you're planning on attending, and plan to stick around to help us sing!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24, 6:00 PM

Our candlelight Christmas Eve service is one of the highlights of the year for our congregation. Join us as we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ with carol singing, Scripture readings, and a message about the "good news of great joy that shall be for all the people"!

The service will begin at 6:00pm and will last about an hour. Consider inviting your friends and neighbors to hear these tidings of comfort and joy that are to be found in Christ, God with us!

Please note: nursery and children's classes will not be available, but children of all ages are welcome to join us in the service.

MISSIONS CORNER - LOCAL MISSIONS LUNCH & LEARN

Sunday, January 11, 12:30pm (immediately following the service)

Cornerstone is blessed to be able to support a number of local missions and ministry organizations serving teens, college students, refugees, families facing difficult financial pressures or pregnancy, and so much more. On Sunday, January 11 following the church service, the Outreach Committee will conduct a local ministry outreach lunch and learn session. Please come learn about ministry wins and opportunities to get plugged in with one of our great partners.

MAKE MERRY WITH BOOKS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Did you know that Cornerstone has their very own library? Enter the 1st floor of the Education Building, go down the hall past the nursery, the library will be on your left. Newly renovated and popping with books, come check it out! Choose a book from our shelves of devotional classics, picture books, teen reads, missionary biographies and books by classic Christian authors.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE Open: 10:30-10:45am, 12:20-12:45pm and upon request (contact library@cornerstonefree.org). [WikiLibrary](#) Catalog on Cornerstone's website: (username) cornerstone, no password required



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