

## WELCOME & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Thank you for joining us this morning! Cornerstone exists to be a community of grace and truth, making disciples of Jesus among all people. We are gospel people with gospel purpose.





### WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE GOSPEL

We are people who were once far off,  
who, without God and without hope,  
but who now have been brought near by the blood of Christ,  
who have been reconciled to God through the cross,  
and who have been made members of God's family,  
the church, a community of grace and truth,  
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as our Cornerstone.

### OUR PURPOSE IS THE GOSPEL

We have not only been rescued by the gospel,  
we have also been entrusted with the gospel.  
We have become Jesus's ambassadors to the world,  
proclaiming the promise of reconciliation with God  
by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.  
We are called to make disciples of Jesus among all people,  
always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed,  
to the praise of his glorious grace.

### CONNECT WITH US

-  Visit us on the web: [cornerstoneefree.org](https://cornerstoneefree.org)
-  Send us an email: [churchoffice@cornerstoneefree.org](mailto:churchoffice@cornerstoneefree.org)
-  Fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the box in the narthex
-  Join us on Sundays for Sunday School (9:30am) and worship (10:45am)



# Cornerstone

AN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

GATHERED FOR WORSHIP ON JANUARY 4, 2026

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 96:1-4, 10 (p. 467-8)  
#185 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"  
"Here I Am To Worship"

### CONFESSING OUR GUILT

Scripture: Acts 1:6-11 (p. 855)  
Prayer of Confession

*Pastor Ryan North*

### REJOICING IN GRACE

Assurance of Grace: Romans 8:31-39 (p. 888)  
#598 "He Will Hold Me Fast"  
Congregational Prayer  
*Ryan Horner*

### RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

Offering  
Prayer for Missions: Ted and Juli Kautzmann  
*Elena Anderson*  
#868 "Spirit of the Living God"  
*(K-3rd Grade dismissed for Kids' Worship)*  
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20 (p. 784)  
Sermon: Go with Authority (Matthew 28:16-20)  
*John C. Connell*

### REMEMBERING THE GOSPEL

The Lord's Supper  
#490 "For The Cause"  
Benediction



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## CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

### THIS WEEK: JAN 4

**Nursery at 9:30am**  
Dave & Dawn Boulter  
**Nursery at 10:30am**  
Noelle & Ben Dennard  
**Beginner's Church, 10:30am**  
Jeff & Susan Palomino  
**Kids' Worship, 10:30am**  
John & Nicole Connell and Isaac

### NEXT WEEK: JAN 11

**Nursery at 9:30am**  
Kathy Hill & Darlene Nye  
**Nursery at 10:30am**  
Luke & Natalia Elliott  
**Beginner's Church, 10:30am**  
Dave and Beky Hazelton  
**Kids' Worship, 10:30am**  
The Arnolds & Clara Francisco

## WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

### CHURCH LEADERS

Pastor: Ryan North  
Elder: Kwathi Ajawin  
Deacon for Membership:  
Michelle Biegel  
International Friends:  
Steve McIlvaine  
Titus 2: AJ Moreira & Perla Macias

### WORSHIP:

Communion Preparers  
Instrumentalists  
Praise Team  
Sound Team  
Ushers  
Voices of Praise

### CHURCH FAMILIES

Nikieama, Nick and Wendenda  
North, Ryan and Haley

### OUTREACH

Ted and Juli Kautzmann

## CHURCH LEADERS

*Unless otherwise indicated, all email addresses are @cornerstoneefree.org*

### LEAD PASTOR

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### ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR YOUTH

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Devin Cate  
Kwathi Ajawin  
John C. Connell  
Ryan Horner  
Daniel Schuttinga

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Nicole Britton  
Theresa Connell  
Gretchen Nutz  
Barb Rehnborg

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Outreach: Michael Higdon (outreach@)  
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Custodian: Albert McKazamba (property@)  
International Friends: AJ Moreira & Perla Macias (internationalfriends@)  
Music Director: Ken Hatridge (music@)

## SERMON NOTES

January 4, 2025

Go with Authority (Matthew 28:16-20)

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST (vv 16-18)

THE COMMAND OF CHRIST (vv. 19-20a)

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST (v. 20b)

Matt 28:16- 20 shows us that Christ's authority and the promise of his perpetual presence makes possible impossible missions.

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### UPCOMING SERMONS

January 11: John 13:1-20

January 18: John 13:21-38

January 25: John 14:1-14

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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## MISSIONS CORNER - LOCAL MISSIONS LUNCH & LEARN

***Sunday, January 11, 12:30 pm (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.

## FEBRUARY MEMBERS' MEETING UPDATE

***February 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM***

Please note: the date and time of Part I of our annual congregational Business Meeting has been moved! The meeting, previously scheduled for February 2 at 7:30 PM, will now be held on February 9 at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendars accordingly!

## UPCOMING EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

January 11 - 12:30 Local Missions Lunch and Learn

February 9 - 7 pm Member's Meeting Part 1

March 7<sup>th</sup> - AM Member's Meeting Part 2



## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ?

Take home one of our suggested books from the book stall in the narthex for free, visit our church library in the Education Building, or browse our online bookstore. For more information scan the QR code to the right or visit our website at [cornerstoneefree.org/booksandlinks](https://cornerstoneefree.org/booksandlinks).

