



Welcome to Cornerstone!

**December 11, 2021 at 5 PM &  
December 12, 2021 at 10 AM**



*Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ*

[www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org](http://www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org)

**Gathering Music "Mary Did You Know"**

**Call to Prayer**

**David LaCross**

Listen to these words from scripture as we prepare to worship: Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

**Ringling of the Harmony Bell**

**Choir Anthem "Carry His Light"**

**Cornerstone Choir**

**Word of Welcome! "God is Good! All the Time!"**

**Reverend Pruner**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Call to Worship**

**Laura Stone**

L: Keep awake!

**P: You know not when God comes.**

L: There will be signs. A flood to cover the earth, the Red Sea parting.

**P: The walls of Jericho tumbling, a giant slain by a boy.**

L: A barren womb birthing a son.

**P: A man sleeping in a den of lions, another surviving the belly of a fish.**

L: A virgin giving birth to God's son! Keep awake!

**P: God is coming!**

**Praise Song "Here I Am To Worship"**

**Will Vanderburg**

**Carol #34 "In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born," v 1,3**

**Doreen Laskiewicz**

**Call to Confession**

**Reverend Pruner**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, We ask your forgiveness for being too focused on the "Holiday" and not on You. Forgive us Lord, when we reduce Christmas to gifts, celebrations and events. We know that too often we allow our self-absorbed nature to rule in our hearts causing us to forget about others. Let your grace consume us and move us to compassion and action in your name. We come to confess our sinfulness before you and before each other. May we truly live no longer for ourselves, but as forgiven people who embody your mercy and grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Declaration of God's Love and Forgiveness**

**Worship Schedule:**

**Saturdays 5 PM &  
Sundays 10 AM**

**Watch our Worship  
service on Facebook on  
Sundays at 10 AM:**

[https://  
www.facebook.com/  
cpcjacksonnj](https://www.facebook.com/cpcjacksonnj)

**STAFF:**

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**Announcements**

Carol #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High," v 1,3

**Children's Message**

Joys & Concerns

Reverend Pruner

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Praise Song "God Will Make a Way"

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6

Laura Stone

Offering

David LaCross

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about how you can give.

Congregational Response "Give Thanks"

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38

Reverend Pruner

Sermon "The Mysterious Ways of God!"

Reverend Pruner

Carol #34 "In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born," v 1,3

Carol #48 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," v 1,2

Benediction

**Announcements**

*(click to open)*



*Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias to support our fundraiser and make our sanctuary beautiful! Please see the list of dedications on the next page.*

**Saturday Worship Leader(s):**

Laura Stone

**Sunday Worship Leader(s):**

David LaCross  
Fred VanLooy

**Our Thanks to our Elders as Members of our Session**

2021: Megan LaFontaine, Mike Pushko, Laura Stone, Kathe Morrison

2022: Jim Foster, Deborah LaCross, Fred VanLooy, Linda Van Melis

2023: Gail Carlson, Elizabeth Hughes, Tina Kas, Allyson Moyer

**Our Board of Deacons – thank you for your service!**

2021: Diane DeLuca

2022: MaryAnn White, Kellie Pushko

2023: Barbara Dougherty, Nancy Foster

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We the people of Cornerstone are a part of God's Grand Adventure to: ground our lives on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, build up each other in love through prayer, words and deeds, and to create God's community in Jackson and beyond.



## Poinsettia Dedications

Gail & David Carlson

In memory of loved ones

Diane & Steve DeLuca

In memory of Rose M. Morgan and  
Dolores R. Spalter

Barbara Dougherty & Fred Van Looy

In memory of Jack Dougherty and  
Rosemarie Van Looy

James & Elizabeth Hughes

In memory of James's mother Mary

Megan & Craig LaFontaine

In memory of Megan's grandparents,  
Al & Louise Himmelreich

The Moyer Family

In memory of Rev. William Moyer

Beth Ripperger

In memory of parents Joan & Fred Mallison

The Smith Family

In memory of our beautiful butterfly Veronica ♥

Laura Stone

In memory of Lois & Gerald Stone

Linda Van Melis