



Welcome to Cornerstone!

December 11, 2022 at 10 AM



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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

**Call to Prayer**

**David LaCross**

Hear these words from Isaiah 12: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

**Ringling of the Harmony Bell**

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

**Reverend Pruner**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**The Brady Family**

**Call to Worship**

**Fred VanLooy**

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!

**Carol #22 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"**

**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**

**Reverend Pruner**

**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)

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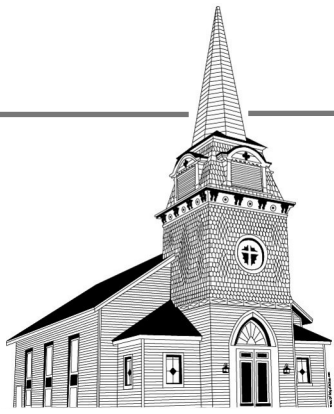
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**Announcements**

**Praise Song "God Will Make a Way"**

**Children's Message**

**Reverend Pruner**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Reverend Pruner**

**Carol #48 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

**First New Testament Reading: Luke 1:26-38**

**Fred VanLooy**

**Offering**

**David LaCross**

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

**Response "Give Thanks"**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Second New Testament Reading: Luke 1:39-45**

**David LaCross**

**Sermon "Holy Connections: Mary, an Angel, and Elizabeth"**

**Reverend Pruner**

**Carol #34 "In Bethlehem a Babe was Born" vs 1&3**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

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***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**

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

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

2024: Steven DeLuca, Megan LaFontaine, Kathe Morrison, Lisa Palmeri

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

2022: MaryAnn White, Kellie Pushko, Sean Kas (youth)

2023: Barbara Dougherty, Nancy Foster

2024: Diane DeLuca, Sueli Paes de Barros

**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

Ed & Joan Breuninger

In memory of our parents

Gail & David Carlson

In honor of Elisiana DaSilva

Diane & Steve DeLuca

In memory of Rose Morgan and  
Dolores Spalter

Don & Marlene Kiefer

In memory of Charles & Florence Melchior  
and William & Adelaide Kiefer

Debbie & David LaCross

In memory of our mothers, Estelle and  
Josephine

Leach Family

In memory of our mothers, Diane Caso and  
Diane Leach

Denise Mudalel

In memory of Louis Mudalel

Kellie, Mike, Tyler & Ryan Pushko

In memory of loved ones

Beth Ripperger

In memory of parents Joan & Fred Mallison

Jackie & Tom Tellefsen

Linda Van Melis