

Welcome to Cornerstone!

December 17, 2022 at 5 PM &  
December 18, 2022 at 10 AM



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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### Gathering Music "Carol of the Bells"

#### Call to Prayer

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: "Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low, the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

#### Ringing of the Harmony Bell

Word of Welcome! "God is Good! All the Time!" Reverend Pruner

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### Call to Worship

Fred VanLooy

L: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

P: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

L: Great is the Holy One in our midst.

P: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God.

L: Blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

P: Join in shouts of praises to our God and let us worship our awesome God!

Carol #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Will Vanderburg

#### Call to Confession

Reverend Pruner

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, We build walls to protect ourselves, but it leads to isolation. We make independence the highest value, instead of complete dependence on you. Forgive us for our inability to surrender everything to your will. Help us to give you our work, our family, our relationships, our resources, and our time. May we choose a life committed to our purposes over a life driven by our own ambitions and desires. May you alone be what our heart desires. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Declaration of God's Love and Forgiveness

Reverend Pruner

#### Announcements

Praise Song "We Bow Down"

### 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:

##### Pastor:

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Will Vanderburg

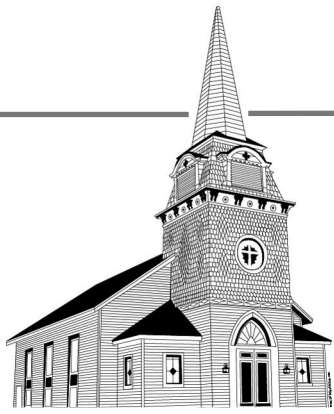
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Children's Message

Reverend Pruner

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Reverend Pruner

Carol #27 "Gentle Mary," vs 1&2

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

**Fred VanLooy**

Offering

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

Response "Give Thanks"

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon "Joseph Wins Best Supporting Role"

Reverend Pruner

Carol #53 "What Child is This" vs 1&2

Benediction

## **Announcements**

*(click to open)*

### **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.

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