



Welcome to Cornerstone!

December 10, 2023 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**

Listen to these words from Psalm 85 as we prepare to worship: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

#### Ringing of the Harmony Bell

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

#### Lighting of the Advent Candles

#### 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 man sleeping in a den of lions.

**P: One surviving the belly of a fish.**

L: A barren womb birthing a son. A virgin giving birth to God's son!  
Keep awake!

**P: God is coming!**

**Carol #28 "Angels, from the realms of glory"** Will Vanderburg

#### Call to Confession

Reverend Pruner

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, as we enter our second week of Advent, we confess that we have sinned. We have been focused on making holiday magic instead of making room for You. We have not been gentle, trusted You with our worries, or prayed as we ought. We have not dwelled on what is pure, true, honorable, and just as Your word instructs. We have willingly walked the road of self-reliance and self-indulgence. We trust that You hear our confession and, in Your great mercy, will be moved yet again to extend the forgiveness we desperately need.

### Worship Schedule:

**Saturdays 5 PM &  
Sundays 10 AM**

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

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

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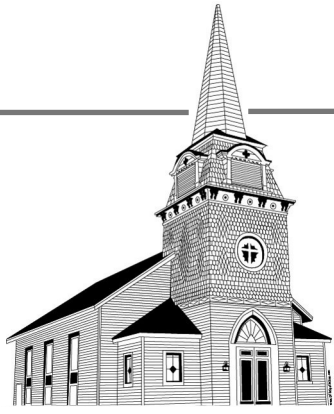
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Help us to receive it with humility and joy, to turn from our sin, and walk in peace with You Amen.

Declaration of God's Love and Forgiveness Reverend Pruner

Announcements

Carol #38 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

**A Time for Children and Youth**

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Reverend Pruner

Carol #37 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," v 1&2

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 **Fred VanLooy**

Offering **David LaCross**

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

Response "Give Thanks"

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 **David LaCross**

Sermon "Our Plans, God's Ways of Transforming Them!"  
Reverend Pruner

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

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**

2023: Gail Carlson, Elizabeth Hughes, Tina Kas, Deborah LaCross

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

2025: Denise Mudalel, Laura Stone, Fred VanLooy, Linda Van Melis

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

2023: Barbara Dougherty, Nancy Foster, Sean Kas (youth)

2024: Diane DeLuca, Sueli Paes de Barros

2025: Kellie Pushko

**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.