



Welcome to Cornerstone!

December 16, 2023 5 PM
December 17, 2023 10 AM



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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Gathering Music "A King Like This"

Call to Prayer

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Ringling 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: We God's people; no one is excluded. Come together as God's family for worship and prayer.

P: Make your ways known to us, O God. Show us once more your awesome presence.

L: Praise the one who gives us life. Give thanks for God's continuing faithfulness.

P: Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God endures forever.

Praise Song "Shout to the Lord"

Will Vanderburg

Carol #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High," v 1&2

Call to Confession

Reverend Pruner

Unison Prayer of Confession

Come into our emptiness God. We feel empty because we have shut you out of our lives. Break through our pretentious, Holy One. We pretend to be powerful because we have not claimed the peace that is available deep within when we invite you to dwell with us. Quiet our grumbling and complaining. We are impatient because we have focused on things, not on you. Enter our lives with the forgiveness you have promised to all. Release us from our self-created prison so that your joy may well up in our hearts once again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of God's Love and Forgiveness

Reverend Pruner

Announcements

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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Carol #53 "What Child is This," v 1&2

A Time for Children and Youth

Joys & Concerns

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

Praise Song "Jesus Name Above All Names"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 **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 "Emmanuel!" **Reverend Pruner**

Carol #27 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child," vs 1&2

Benediction

Announcements

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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.