



Welcome to Cornerstone!

December 2, 2023 5 PM &  
December 3, 2023 10 AM



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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### Gathering Music "Light of the World"

#### Call to Prayer

David LaCross

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is our refuge!

#### Ringling of the Harmony Bell

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

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Bill and Ginny Brower

#### Call to Worship

Fred VanLooy

L: Throughout the generations God has sent the message of peace and reconciliation in the words of the prophets.

**P: God has revealed a loving intent towards all people.**

L: Finally, in due time, God sent Jesus into the world to demonstrate in human terms God's way of living and loving.

**P: So today we come to prepare our hearts and minds once more to receive the Gospel of hope and healing.**

L: In this place we are invited to open ourselves to the Spirit of God.

**P: To prepare a place for God in our lives. Come, let us worship God.**

Hymn #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 1,2 Will Vanderburg

#### Call to Confession

Reverend Pruner

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, We worship you and express gratitude for your amazing plan of redemption made possible through the birth of the Christ child. This saving act, predicted long before by the prophets of old. Yet, we confess that we can often become jaded by a seasonal story that we have heard over and over. Forgive our sin of apathy and indifference. May it become increasingly exciting as we prepare our hearts once again for the arrival of your Son. Help us to rediscover the hope found in your everlasting love. Guide us to walk in your ways, sharing your story of light and life to the world that walks in darkness. We lift up these prayers in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Worship Schedule:

Saturdays 5 PM &  
Sundays 10 AM

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

[https://  
www.facebook.com/  
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#### STAFF:

##### Pastor:

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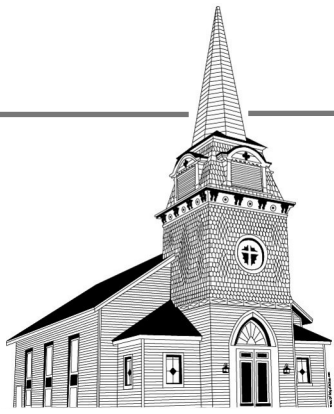
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Declaration of God's Love and Forgiveness

Reverend Pruner

## Announcements

Praise Song "Great is the Lord"

Christmas Play "A Starry Night"

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Reverend Pruner

Praise Song "Blessed Be Your Name"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

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 21:25-33

David LaCross

Sermon "Heads Up!"

Reverend Pruner

Praise Song "Ancient of Days"

Hymn #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," 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

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.

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