

THE STORY WE'RE LIVING

We **inspire & equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better** and makes you better at life... and brings glory to God in the process. Join us!

THE PATTERN WE'RE FOLLOWING

As Jesus' followers, we aim to follow his teaching and example of a great commitment to the Great Commandment (Love God. Love others.) and the Great Commission (Make disciples.). We shorthand this pattern with **grow** (our faith is transformational), **go** (our faith is active), and **know** (our faith is relational).

Christmas Eve. Better. On Christmas Eve at 7 PM, Cornerstone will be On Site in the historic sanctuary of United Baptist Church for a combined Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with UBC's congregation featuring...

- Christmas Carols
- A timely Christmas message by Pastor Brian.
- A candle-lighting service to close our time together.

THE PEOPLE WE'RE BECOMING

Jesus' followers are to be marked by **love**, take the **initiative**, and pursue **excellence**.

We are others-centered. Following Jesus means putting aside our comfort and preferences to serve others. We aim to express selfless concern through practical actions with sensitivity, kindness, and humility.

We are proactive. When we see a need, we don't make excuses or wait for an invitation, we leverage our resources for the benefit of others. We have a can-do, whatever-it-takes mentality.

We exceed expectations. We believe that excellence honors God and inspires people. We are always aiming to do more than what is required, take it up a notch, go above and beyond, and exceed expectations. Excellence is not perfectionism but simply doing the best you can with what you have.

Give to support the ministry of Cornerstone! Use our app, go to CornerstoneNH.org/give, or text the amount you want to donate to 84321. Send checks to our mailing address below.

Throughout the Christmas season we'll be collecting our annual "Give It Away!" Christmas offering. 100% of this offering will be distributed to others doing good in our community, region & world.

Give using our **Church Center** app!
CornerstoneNH.org/app



YOUR NAME: _____

Check in! You matter to us! We want to know who's connecting at Cornerstone. Open our **Church Center app** (search for it in your app store) and click the **Check In button**. (Or visit CornerstoneNH.org/here.) On Site? Use the **Check In cards** & for Wi-Fi connect to **cornerstone** with password **Sayyes2003!**



YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

CORNERSTONE ON SITE FOR SUNDAY, DEC 11, 2022

CORNERSTONE ONLINE FOR SUNDAY, DEC 18, 2022

“How does Jesus treat outsiders & outliers?”

OUTSIDERS & OUTLIERS

TODAY'S MESSAGE

INCLUDED PART ONE • TODAY: INCLUDING
JOHN 1:1-5, 10-14, MATTHEW 2:1-2, LUKE 1:26-28, 2:8-14,
2:22-24, 2:25-32 & 2:36-38

THE BOTTOM LINE

JESUS WAS ALWAYS _____

OUTSIDERS & OUTLIERS

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. – John 1:12 NLT

He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. – John 1:10-11 NLT

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Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" – Matthew 2:1-2a NLT

...God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph...Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:26-28 NIV/NLT

TO APPLY, USE R.O.I.

_____ *the original context.*

_____ *the Biblical prescription.*

_____ *the ultimate ethic.*

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. – Luke 2:8 NLT

So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." – Luke 2:24 NLT

"When the time of purification is completed for either a son or a daughter, the woman must bring a one-year-old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or turtledove for a purification offering... If a woman cannot afford to bring a lamb, she must bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons. – Leviticus 12:6a, 8a NLT

The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. – Luke 2:25b-26 NLT

Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple ...and she was very old. – Luke 2:36 NLT

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*I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

– I Wonder As I Wander
Words and Music collected by John Jacob Niles

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. – 2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT

NEXT STEP: SAY YES

SAY YES TO JESUS AS SAVIOR & LORD

NEXT STEP: INCLUDE

_____ OTHERS YOU NORMALLY
WOULDN'T INCLUDE

 **CHECK IN!** [CornerstoneNH.org/HERE](https://www.cornerstoneNH.org/HERE)

...go and make disciples of all the nations...
– Matthew 28:19 NLT

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard. Watching online? Discuss in person or online with others who watched. On site? Our service includes time to circle up and discuss.

- 1. Where have you seen or experienced the pain of being excluded?**
- 2. Review 2 Corinthians 5:21. On what basis are we made right with God? Who is excluded from that deal?**
- 3. Share ideas for including others you normally wouldn't include, especially during this holiday season.**