

Cornerstone Information

Worship Sundays at 8 am & 10 am /
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Sundays at 10 am on our
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Watch any sermon at:

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and video that are being shared with the public.
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12/14 Sunday Contributions

\$10,032
Monthly Total December \$21,628
Monthly Budget Needs \$36,684

Order of Worship

Welcome and Greeting

The Treble Makers (Choir)
“Where the Promise Shines”

Advent Reading

Candle Lighting
The candle of LOVE

First Reading:
Isaiah 7:10-16

Second Reading:
Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 1:18-25*

Children’s Moment:
Dominique Nash

Sermon:
“Paradigm Shift”
Rev. Roy Terry IV

Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

The Great Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn:
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
#211

Sending Forth

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025**



During worship, you may observe various forms of interactive participation, such as hand motions or spoken responses. These practices are intended to foster a sense of connection, engagement, and joy in our shared worship experience. However, participation is entirely optional. There is no right or wrong way to worship, and we recognize and respect that each individual expresses their faith in their own unique way.

At Cornerstone UMC we are a people bound together through the love of God. Those who gather represent the vast diversity of God's people for we believe that in diversity we experience unity. God has invited us to be full participants in God's story. We share this story together through our lives, our worship, our prayers, our generosity, our relationships and in our service to others. God's story is a journey and not a destination. God's story invites us to be one outpost among many that bears witness to the love of God in the world. We share the story in authentic and practical ways and do not set limits on the expression and diversity of God's gifts and people. "Come as you are!" We really mean it! God is breaking down the walls and barriers of separation between people, communities, and creation.

This Week

TODAY

- *During the 10 am service...* All children are invited to participate in the entire worship service. There is a PRAYground at the front of the church with quiet activities as they listen. In addition, there is a nursery for infants-2 year olds and a class for 3-6 year olds provided for the entire service, if preferred. 1st-5th graders will be dismissed for class after Children's Moment.
- 2 pm Engage Youth Ministry Christmas Party (6th - 12th grade)
- 5 pm Blue Christmas Service

Mon., December 22, 2025

- 7 pm Yoga with Jodi- all abilities welcome- \$10 per person

Tues., December 23, 2025

- 3:30 pm Cornerstone Kids Christmas pajama and movie day with blanket forts.

Wed., December 24, 2025

- 4 pm Family Christmas Eve Service
- 7 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (Choir)
- 11 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Thurs., December 25, 2025

- Merry Christmas!

Sun., December 28, 2025

- 8 am Service
- 10 am Service with Praise Band

What's Happening at Cornerstone

- **Christmas Eve Services** Join us for one of our three services- 4 pm Family Service (more geared toward children), 7 pm (Choir singing), and 11 pm (quiet, more intimate service).
- **Christmas Eve Volunteers** We need Communion Servers and Ushers for the 4 pm Family service. Please contact Dominique Nash at 239-877-3256, if you're able to help.
- **Engage Youth Ministry** (6th through 12th grade) is having their Christmas party today at 2:30 pm. For more information, contact Aaron Thayer at 239-537-2484.
- **Awakened to Grace: A Companion for Daily Practices** New Six Week Study for 2026, Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary - Zoom option available. This study will be led by Rev. Roy Terry IV.

Jan. 7th - Prayer
Jan. 14th - Scripture
Jan. 21st - Silence
Jan. 28th - Fasting
Feb. 4th - Sabbath
Feb. 11th - Service

Contact the office at
office@cornerstonenaples.org to register.

- **Sunday Volunteers** We would love to have as many people serve as we can! Every Sunday, we need communion servers, scripture readers, and people to help with coffee and snacks. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Narthex in front of the welcome desk, or contact Dominique Nash through the office at office@cornerstonenaples.org.

- **Cornerstone's Immigration Mission Something to Think About** Torture at Alligator Alcatraz. Amnesty International reports that some at Alligator Alcatraz have been put in a 2x2 foot cage-like structure (as punishment) for hours at a time exposed to the elements with hardly any water and with their feet attached to restraints on the ground. "So the Philistines captured him [Samson], put out his eyes, and took him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze chains, and he worked the grinding mill in the prison." Judges 16:21

Cornerstone Clergy Immigration Panel Video:



The Immigration Mission Team will not meet December 28th in order to allow the team to enjoy Christmas with their families.

- **Reconciling Ministries Network** As heaven leans close to earth, Love takes on skin - every shade, every shape, every sacred name. God chooses us, ALL of us, to bear the miracle of belonging. In every act of love, Christ is born again.
- **2026 Stewardship Campaign** We are grateful for your faithful response in sharing your 2026 commitments. If you have not yet returned your 2026 Commitment Card, we would appreciate receiving it soon. Please contact Lesley Butler with any questions or for assistance at: financecornerstoneum@gmail.com. Thank you!
- **Are you interested in becoming a member of Cornerstone?** Contact Rev. Roy at 239-370-1096, or email the office at office@cornerstonenaples.org.