

November 4, 2018
A Service of Worship

HARVEST
Presbyterian Church
PCA



*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into his harvest.*

~ The Lord Jesus Christ
(Luke 10.2)

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
worship, nurture & service

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School	9:30 am
Fellowship	10:15 am
Worship	10:45 am
Family Dinner	5:00 pm (1 st Sunday)

Nursery Reminders

Nov 4– *Sunday School:* Teresa Smith, Joy Thomsen & Thayne Ehrhart
Worship Infants: Aubrey Maldonado, Anna Franklin & Eliana Ehrhart
Worship Toddler: Matt & Katrina Schillings, Kristen Broussard & Joy Davis

Nov 11– *Sunday School:* John & Rebekah Magill, David Zimbelman
Worship Infants: John & Elisa Mabus, Abby Zimbelman
Worship Toddler: Rob & Erika Withers, Cindy James & David James

Volunteers need to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the service.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please arrange your own replacement and inform Savanna Hovies (540.903.4236).

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Corporate Worship

Preparing for Worship ...

One of the Pharisees, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

(Matthew 22.35-40)

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

(Galatians 5.13-15, The Message)

Welcome & Announcements

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name. As we gather together this morning, we do so to declare your glory, your worth, your beauty. We confess that we have pursued other beauties, other worth, other glories this week and those pursuits have left us empty and less than we were before. Have mercy upon us today.

Father, we ask now that your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. We know that things here are not as they should be. Sin has broken this world, broken our lives and relationships, broken our bodies and our hearts. We need your kingdom to come; to set things to rights, to bring healing, to bring hope, to bring the light of your glory to this present darkness. Have mercy upon us today.

And Father, we ask that you give us today our daily bread and forgive our trespasses and sins. Together we confess that we depend upon you for all that we are and for all that we have. Apart from you and your kindness, we are destitute and despairing, enslaved and hopeless. But in Christ, by your grace, we have hope, life, freedom and power to live the life you have called us to. Have mercy upon us today.

Give us grace in this hour that we might more fully love you and more faithfully love those around us, all for the sake of your glorious name, Amen.

Hear now the comforting assurance of the grace of God that is promised in the Gospel to all who repent and believe: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness, for the LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness.

Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song;
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair.
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies! Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

*Words: John Stocker, 1776
Music: Sandra McCracken, 2001*

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

no. 465

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

*Words: Julia Johnston, 1910
Music: Daniel Towner, 1910*

Confessing The Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** 'hell' here means the realm of death, not 'place of eternal torment'*

*** 'catholic' here means 'universal'*

The Offering

Preparing for the Word

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

no. 92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

Martin Luther, 1529

Galatians 5.1-15

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹ But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹² I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Covenant Meal

The elements of bread and wine are simple and yet by God's power and his Spirit's blessing are both a sign and seal of God's love. For those who are not believing in Jesus, this meal is a sign of the sacrificial love of Jesus for those who acknowledge their need of him. For those who are believing in Jesus, this is not only a sign of these things, it is also a seal to their hearts, that indeed the Gospel is true and that his love for them is real.

Parting Hymns

Christ Is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame.
We fix our eyes upon the cross and run to him who showed great love
And bled for us; freely you bled, for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead; trampling over death by death.
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead! We are one with him again.
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!*

Beneath the weight of all our sin you bow to none but heavens will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down.
In strength you reign. Forever let your church proclaim:

(chorus)

Oh death! Where is your sting? Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light! The glory of God has defeated the night!
Oh death! Where is your sting? Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light! Our God is not dead, he's alive! He's alive!*(chorus)*
Matt Maher & Mia Fieldes, 2009

It's Not Long Till the Day of the Lord (Psalm 37)

It's not long till the boastful are silenced and shamed.
It's not long till the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed.
And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord
Will shine like the sun forevermore!
It's not long till the day of the Lord!

Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land.
Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand.
When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong,
Do not let the dark steal your song.
It's not long till the day of the Lord!

*It's not long till the day of the Lord,
It's not long till the day of the Lord!
Everything that is broken will soon be restored.
It's not long till the day of the Lord!*

Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war,
For the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.
And our God comes with laughter, let Him be your joy.
The power of the sword, he'll destroy.
It's not long till the day of the Lord!

Wendell Kimbrough, 2017

The Benediction

Numbers 6.24-6

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

Announcements & Reminders

Family Dinner This Evening

Wanting to connect with other believers? develop relationships in the church? end the day with relaxed, unhurried fellowship? Join us at 5pm, this evening in the fellowship hall. A few songs, a season of prayer and a meal. If you're able, please bring a dish to share and then stay as long as you like.

Small Groups

We have a number of Small Groups meeting throughout the area for consistent prayer, fellowship & application of the Scriptures to our lives. Please see the list in the foyer for group locations, meeting times and points of contact.

Harvest Talent Show!

Sunday evening, December 2, we will have our annual Harvest Talent Show and Art exhibition! No age limit for talent. Solos, recitations, dance, instrumentalists etc as well as you may also bring a representation of your personal fine art or craft such as wood working, leatherwork, painting, bonsai or glasswork etc. These will be on display following the performance portion of the show. We have so much talent at Harvest and this is a great opportunity for you to share it with our church family. Show begins at 5pm and we'll have a potluck family dinner following the show. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the show, contact Mary Respass at 252.521.6225. Contact Micah- mroush1@live.com for art exhibit info.

Calling All Men!

Need some friends? Want a little more Bible input in your life? Struggling with sin & looking for some help? Plan on this: **Saturdays at 7**. Here's the deal, from Sept 1 - Nov 17, we'll meet in the church fellowship hall and allow the Sonship discipleship material to set the tone for our meetings. Come on brothers. Don't fight alone. Grant is point of contact (910.650.0898 | gmbeachy@gmail.com).

Ladies!

The Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday morning at the church building, from 9:30-11:30. Childcare is available. With questions contact Sarah Sardina (moodys524@gmail.com).

Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Chip & Laura Raybon (Chloe, Gabriel & Samuel) **Billy & Kristin Gunther**

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Chris & Aubrey Maldonado

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Purpose Statement

*Harvest Presbyterian Church exists by the providence and grace of God
to develop and equip God's people for their calling
to glorify and enjoy him in all of life through
worship, nurture & service.*

Our Supported Ministries & Missions

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