



HARVEST Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

A Service of Worship



Why did Jesus come? What was his life and ministry all about? And further, what are the areas of our lives today that need to be exposed to and engaged in Jesus' ongoing mission in the world?

During our observance of Advent this year, we will allow the book of Isaiah to guide us, paying particular attention to the theme of why the Messiah would come. Written about 600 years before Jesus' birth, these prophecies gives us a window into the eternal purposes of God, as well as the longings of God's people.

What is THE MESSIAH'S MISSION & how do we fit in to it?



Beginning with the Sunday nearest November 30 and ending on the day before Christmas, the season of Advent is observed for the four Sundays prior to Christmas. This is a season in which the Church, rejoicing in Christ's first coming, eagerly looks forward to Christ's coming again. It is also common for Advent to be observed, in addition to the regular corporate worship services of the Church, through a special service of Lessons & Carols, often on Christmas Eve.



Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

(Luke 4.16-21)

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Corporate Worship

The Welcome & Announcements

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The Invocation

The Call to Worship

Revelation 1.4-7

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

Even so. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World!, no. 195

The Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, there is a deep and broad brokenness in the world and in us. We experience that through the general fallenness of this world, the sins of others against us and our own sin. We are not immune to sin or to the death that it brings. Sin resides not only in others or 'out there' – sin resides in *me* and it leads *me* to death in all areas of my life.

My *mind* does not function as it ought to – my thoughts are scattered and distracting. My *body* is broken and breaking. My *emotions* are chaotic, excessive one moment and absent the next. My *relationships* are strained and tense – no one fully meets my expectations and I never seem able to meet theirs. My *affections* are tainted and perverse – I long for things that are not mine, things that will harm me and others. I am insecure, driven by fear, full of shame.

Father of all grace, have mercy upon us in Jesus Christ. Expose our brokenness and heal it by your Spirit's work. Restore us, God of heaven and earth.

*In silent prayer, let us each confess to God
the particular ways we are experiencing the brokenness of sin,
looking to Jesus for hope and healing ...*

The Assurance of Grace

Psalms 34.17-19 & 124.6-8

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Blessed be the LORD! Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He's On Our Side (Psalm 124)

Our help has come in the name of the Lord,
The One who formed all the earth and the sky.
Behold! He comes to destroy the chains of death
And raise us up to life.

*O bless his name, for he has given us
Everything we need to fly.*

*Our broken wings, they have not hindered us.
We have the Lord; he's on our side!*

Wendell Kimbrough & Jason Pears, 2017

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing no. 203

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King."

Words: Charles Wesley, 1753

Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840

Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

Membership & Covenant Baptism

Marco Weygan
John & Hannah Harger (Jake)

The Pastoral Prayer

The New Testament Reading

Luke 1.39-56

The Offering

The Preaching of God's Word
"to restore"

THE MESSIAH'S MISSION
Grant Beachy, pastor

Isaiah 61
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The Lord's Supper

The Parting Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, no. 164

The Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

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

Announcements & Reminders

Harvest Pictorial Directory

We are currently updating the church directory. Check it out using the “Instant Church Directory” app. Contact Jim Turner to submit your photo or update your info (*turner.james55@yahoo.com*).

Holiday Schedule

Please note our service of *Lessons & Carols* on Christmas Eve, beginning at 5pm with a meal to follow. Please arrive no later than 4:45 so that you may get your food dropped off and enter the sanctuary to enjoy the musical prelude. Also note that there will be *no Sunday School* December 30th.

Introduction to Harvest Seminar

Saturday, January 12, we will host our Intro Seminar. If you're interested to join Harvest or are just curious to know more about Presbyterianism or Christianity, we'd love to have you. Contact Grant to sign up or with questions (*gmbeachy@gmail.com*).

Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Chip & Laura Raybon (Chloe, Samuel & Gabriel)

Wes & Tammy Scholtz (Elijah & Jude)

Chris & Aubrey Maldonado

Billy & Kristin Gunther

Harvest Communications

To stay connected with upcoming events & information concerning our life together as a church, send an email to Grant to be included in the *Harvest distro list* (*gmbeachy@gmail.com*). In addition to this 'official' distribution list, there is a **Google Group** for communicating needs or opportunities among the congregation - things like needing a ride to the airport, a freezer you want to get rid of, etc. To be added to this Harvest Google Group, please contact Micah Roush at *mroush1@live.com*.

Nursery Reminders

Dec 16 - SS: OkHui Mun, Lara Liedstrand & Gavin Ehrhart

Worship Infant: Rob & Erika Withers, Colin Beachy

Worship Toddler: Brittany S., Cathy H., Holly P. & Addy D.

Dec 23 - SS: Denny Phillips, Nate Phillips & Deb Roush

Worship Infant: Matt & Katrina Schilling, Noey Roush

Worship Toddler: John & Elisa Mabus, Anna Catherine Beachy
& Katie Schilling

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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.*

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