January 27, 2019

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 (1st Sunday)

Nursery Reminders

Jan 27 – SS: Denny Phillips, Cindy James & David James
Worship Infant: Matt & Katrina Schillling & Eliana Ehrhart

Worship Toddler: Lindsey Olsen, Cathy Horn, Deb Roush & Gavin Ehrhart

Feb 3 – *SS*: Joy Thomsen, OkHui Munn & Aiden Ehrhart *Worship Infant*: Aubrey Maldonado, Bridget Dibella & Sophia DiBella *Worship Toddler*: Ruth Arensdorf, Betsy Robeson, Tori Wells &

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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Preparing for Worship ...

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

(The Apostle Paul, *Colossians 3.1-4 & 2 Corinthians 4.16-18*)

If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

(C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory)

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Entering into Worship

Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man?

(Psalm 52.1-4)

Why so proud, O man of power?
Trusting in your house of wealth?
When the lies on which you're founded
Come to light, where'll be your help?

But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

(Psalm 52.5-7)

You have paved the path for violence. You have made the wrong seem right. You'll be like a tree abandoned; Torn up from the ground to die.

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

(Psalm 52.8-9)

I am like a tree God planted Safe inside his house of love. I will wait upon his goodness, Praising him for all he's done.

Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough, 2016

By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear; While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin, From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

> By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord. By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power, In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour:

When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease, Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace: (chorus)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain, When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain:

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day, May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay. *(chorus)*

Words: James Cummins, 1839 Music: Grea Thompson, 2004

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

(*Matthew 6.9-13*)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood Support me in the whelming; When all around my soul gives way, He still is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Words: Edward Mote, 1834 Music: William Bradbury, 1863

Pastoral Prayer

Doug Zimbelman, elder

Offering

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8.9) "of mercenaries & righteousness"

LIFE IN THE KINGDOM Grant Beachy, pastor

Matthew 6.1-18

¹"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

sermon notes ...

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.

Allow one or more of the following prayers to guide your heart's reflection and meditation during our celebration of the Lord's Supper this morning ...

Searching for Truth ...

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might not be discouraged by the cost of following you, but drawn to you by a sight of your loving sacrifice for me. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Help me to be honest in my search, and give me an understanding of you that fits together and leads to life.

Ready to believe Christ ...

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever hoped or imagined. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me your complete righteousness. Knowing that you have been raised as Victor over sin, I turn from my sins and receive your grace in my life. Help me to rest in you.

Struggling with sin ...

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the True and Living Bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race before me, looking only unto you, the Author and Perfecter of my faith, one day, one hour, at a time.

Non-communing members (those not yet prepared to take the Supper)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as a faithful disciple.

Desiring deeper commitment to the Church ...

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. You have called me not to exist alone, but to be a vital member of your Body, the church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and to live in the fullness of fellowship with your Spirit.

Rejoicing in God's provision ...

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I am overwhelmed and delighted by your mercies to me: a sure and certain salvation in Jesus, restored relationship with the God of heaven and earth, daily supplies of compassion, kindness, grace and strength — thank you. Further enable me to live in light of your glory and goodness.

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.

Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.

I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn; I on his oath depend; I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend. I shall behold his face; I shall his pow'r adore, And sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.

There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness, Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace; On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," they ever cry.

Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;

All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers, 1770 Music: Jewish Melody, arr. by Meyer Lyon, 1770

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

Informational Meeting – TODAY

Immediately after worship today, we will have an informational meeting for the elders to present the 2019 budget Harvest church budget. Please stick around for this brief snapshot into our church life and ministries.

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*).

Missions Conference

Our annual Missions Conference will be held **February 8-10**. Our speaker this year will be PCA pastor & Director of Mission for Serge, the Rev. Josiah Bancroft. Nursery will be provided for the conference. Stay tuned in for RSVP information for both meals & nursery.

Bible Studies

The Ladies' Bible study meets at the church building on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 and will be studying *Philippians* this Spring. Childcare is available. Contact Sarah Sardina at *moodys524@gmail.com* with questions. The Men's discipleship meeting will begin on February 16, Saturdays @ 7, in the church fellowship hall. Grant Beachy is point of contact for the men (*gmbeachy@gmail.com*).

Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Peter & Ruth Arensdorf (Evangelynn & Jude)
Jon & Juliana Smith (Owen, Andrew & Evan)
Wes & Tammy Scholtz (Elijah & Jude)

Billy & Kristin Gunther Marco Weygan

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*.

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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

Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center – oprcfriends.com, 910.938.7000

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