

March 17, 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 (1 st Sunday)

Nursery Reminders

Mar 17 – SS: Hannah Harger, Okhui Mun & Eliana Ehrhart

Worship Infant: Megan Jurina, Tori Wells & Anna Catherine Beachy

Worship Toddler: Holly Plumb, Lindsey Olsen, Sara Beachy & Liam Jurina

Mar 24 – SS: Zach & Amy Milsaps & Gavin Ehrhart

Worship Infant: Denny Phillips, Jamie & Reagan Pearson

Worship Toddler: John & Rebekah Magill, Deb Roush & 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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Preparing for Worship ...

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

~ Proverbs 3.5-6

Invited into Worship

Come to Me (Matthew 11.28)
You are weighed down; you are worried.
Child, I see you; child, I know you.
Bring your burdens; bring your labor.
Come to me.

*Come to me, come to me,
Come to me if you are weary.
I will give you, I will give you my rest.*

I am gentle; I am humble.
Let me teach you; let me show you.
Trade your burden; mine is easy.
Come to me.

Wendell Kimbrough, 2017

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, God of heaven and earth, we exalt you, we praise your name, for you have done wonderful things. By the stars of heaven you have spoken, and in the heart of man your voice is heard. Through your word you have given light, and in your Son the brightness of your glory is revealed. By your Spirit, now lift up our hearts unto you, O God. And deliver us as we draw near to you from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(prayer adapted from the Book of Common Worship)

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone, I wait in silence;

My soul is still before the Lord.

He is my rock and salvation,

My fortress strong; I trust in him.

I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,

For all my hope is in his love.

From God alone comes my salvation.

I wait and trust his steadfast love!

Put not you hope in gain of riches;

Seek not you rest in empty wealth.

The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,

Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out you heart to God our refuge

And trust in him to hear you cry.

No other hope will never fail you;

No other love will not run dry.

Wendell Kimbrough, 2015

Father, Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and his covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise his name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that his only Son he gave.

Loving Father now before thee we will ever praise thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

Words: Chinese Hymn, Trans. by Francis Johnson

Music: Andrew Osenga, 2005

Confession of Faith

from Ephesians 1 & Romans 8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Grace that saves me from my shame a thousand times I've come to thee
From ancient days you knew my name, and in my blindness and my blame
Your glory shall ever be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

*Words: George Matheson, 1882
Music: Christopher Miner, 1997*

Offering

Preparing for the Word

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.
Yes, he rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.
Yes, he works his sovereign will.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break, in blessings on your head.*

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence, he hides a smiling face.
Yes, he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.
O, yes, sweet will be the flow'r.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break, in blessings on your head.*

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is His own interpreter, and he will make it plain.
O, yes, he will make it plain.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break, in blessings on your head.*

*Words: William Cowper, 1774
Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615
arr. by Brian Liedstrand, 2006*

The Preaching of God's Word
"wisdom's path is worth following"

PROVERBS: LIFE WITH THE GRAIN
Rev. John Mabus

Proverbs 3.1-12
(pew Bible, p528)

Questions for Reflection & Discussion ...

- *What do you use to measure how productive or successful your life is?*
- *How do you engage with Scripture to give you direction and principles to shape your desires and inform your decision-making?*
- *In which relationships is God prompting you to learn and lean on him to develop steadfast love?*
- *When do you struggle to be faithful to your God-given roles and responsibilities?*
- *Are there areas of your life where your own understanding and wisdom may be limiting your growth and maturity?*
- *The LORD's discipline and correction are ways in which he demonstrates his delight and love in his children. How does knowing that shape your trust and honor for him?*
- *How do Jesus' words, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me," invite you personally into a more reliant relationship with him?*

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 Hymn

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight – Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight – he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost – he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died – Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied – he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life – he will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

Ada Ruth Habershon & Matthew Merker, 2013

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

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*).

Ladies Bible Studies

The Ladies’ Bible study meets at the church building on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 and is studying *Philippians* this Spring. Childcare is available. Contact Sarah Sardina at *moodys524@gmail.com* with questions.

Men’s Discipleship

The men at the church are meeting for discipleship Saturdays 7am, in the church fellowship hall. Grant Beachy is point of contact for the men (*gmbeachy@gmail.com*). Even if you can only come to one or two meetings, still come. Your brothers need you.

Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Peter & Ruth Arensdorf (Evangelynn & Jude)

Jon & Juliana Smith (Owen, Andrew & Evan)

Ben & Savanna Hovies (Asher, Eden & Harper)

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 *mrroush1@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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