



# HARVEST Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2019

**A Service of Worship**

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## Preparation for Worship

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

Charles Wesley, 1744

*Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like man untrue.  
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might;  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright!*

*Soul then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;  
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee. Think what Father's smile is thine.  
Think that Jesus died to win thee. Child of heaven, canst thou repine?*

Henry Lyte, d. 1847

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*Corporate Worship*

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Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

*Matthew 6.9-13*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Call to Worship

*from Psalm 94*

The LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

**Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers?**

If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.

**When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul. The LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.**

Therefore, beloved, let us worship the LORD together.

Songs of Praise

**Joy to the World!, no. 195**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns, no. 295**

## Confessing Our Need

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit  
within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not  
your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold us with a willing spirit. *(from Psalm 51)*

### Come, O Come Thou Holy Spirit

Come, o come Thou Holy Spirit, light and life Thy grace impart.  
Blessed Source of consolation guide our minds and fill our hearts.

Grant my mind and my affections wisdom, counsel, purity;  
That I may be ever seeking only that which pleases Thee,  
Only that which pleases Thee.

Savior lead us to adore Thee by the true and living way  
Then with angel hosts before Thee may we worship, love and praise.  
Dwell within us, precious Spirit, where Thou art no ill can come.  
Bless us now through Jesus' merit. Reign in every heart and home.  
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Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things new;  
Make Thy work within me perfect, help me by Thy word so true.  
In Thy faith, O make me steadfast. Let not Satan, death or shame  
Of my confidence deprive me. Lord, my refuge is Thy name;  
Lord, my refuge is Thy name.

While we wait for Christ's appearing, life and joy Thy beams impart,  
Chasing all our fears and cheering every poor benighted heart.  
Come and manifest the favor promised for our ransomed race.  
Come Thou mighty prince and savior. Come and bring the gospel grace.  
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When my final hour approaches, let my hopes grow yet more bright.  
Let Thy love which never fails me dissipate the gloom of night.  
From that height which knows no measure, fairer far than voice can tell,  
In Thy glorious courts of heaven, there, redeemed by Christ, to dwell,  
There, redeemed by Christ, to dwell.

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## The Old Testament Reading

*Leviticus 12.6-8*

And when the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a lamb a year old for a burnt offering, and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering, and he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her. Then she shall be clean. This is the law for her who bears a child, either male or female. And if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

## The Pastoral Prayer

Ken Counts

## The Offering

## The Preaching of God's Word

Mr. Chris Conger

*"Why wouldn't Luke tell us?"*

### Luke 1.1-4

<sup>1</sup> Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

*(sermon text continues on the next page ...)*

## Luke 2.21-36

<sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)

<sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Lord's Supper**

**The Parting Hymn**

**Jesus Lives and So Shall I, no. 706**

**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

### Introduction to Harvest Seminar

Have questions about the church? Curious what ‘Presbyterian’ means? Interested to join Harvest? We’d love to have you participate in our one-day seminar, **Saturday, Jan 11**. Contact Grant to sign up or with any questions ([gmbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:gmbeachy@gmail.com)). Childcare is available upon request.

### Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

**Aaron & Katrina Smith**

**Jordan & Cathy Horn** (Joshua & Will)

**Kaleb & Sarah Kaetterhenry** (Chloe & Evelyn)

**Stephen & Teresa Smith** (Lillian, Weston, Lucy, Walter, Edison & Everett)

### Missions Conference

Please note the dates for our upcoming Missions Conference: **Jan 31–Feb 2**. Nursery will be provided for the conference. Stay tuned for RSVP information for both meals & nursery.

### 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](mailto:gmbeachy@gmail.com)). In addition to this ‘official’ distro list, there is a **Harvest Google Group** for communicating needs or opportunities among one other. To be added to this Harvest Google Group, please contact Micah at [mroush1@live.com](mailto:mroush1@live.com). Ladies, please join our Facebook group: “**Harvest PCA Women’s Group (Jacksonville, NC)**”.

### Nursery Reminders:

**Dec 29** – Note: no Sunday School

*Worship Infant:* Amanda Y., Aubrey M. & Abby Z.

*Worship Toddler:* Christine & Josh Z., Haiden G. & Brittany S.

**Jan 5** – SS: Leslee Davis, Elisa Mabus & Addy Davis

*Worship Infant:* Alysia Hicks, Rebekah Magill & Eliana Ehrhart

*Worship Toddler:* Cathy H., Amanda Y., Kristen G. & Abby W.

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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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