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*a liturgy for corporate worship*  
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
October 11, 2020

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***Prelude & Reflection***

*When it comes to prayer, do you feel weak and timid? Flesh and blood always hinder faith, as if you were not worthy or fit and in earnest to pray; or do you doubt whether God has heard you, because you are a sinner? Then cling to the word and say: Though I am a sinner and unworthy, yet I have the command of God, that tells me to pray, and his promise that he will graciously hear me, not because of my worthiness, but for the sake of the Lord Christ.*

*By this means you can drive away the thoughts and doubts, and cheerfully kneel down and pray, not regarding your worthiness or unworthiness, but your need and his word upon which he tells you to build; especially since he has placed before you and put into your mouth the words how and what you are to pray for, so that you joyously send up these prayers through him, and can lay them in his bosom, that he may lay them by his own worthiness before the Father.*

~ Martin Luther



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*worship, nurture & service*

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*Welcome & Announcements*

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*Preparing for Worship*

What is prayer?

**Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.**

What should we pray?

**The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.**

And what is the Lord's Prayer?

**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.**

*New City Catechism, questions 38, 40 & 41  
(quoting Matthew 6.9-13)*

*With a few moments of silent prayer, let us prepare  
our minds and hearts for worship of Almighty God ...*

**Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.**

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867*

*Music: Welsh Folk Tune*

## 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.

*Original Lyrics by: Ada Ruth Habershon (d. 1918)*

*Arranged by: Matthew Merker, 2013*

## *New Testament Reading*

*Romans 8.31-39*

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For 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.

*Pastoral Prayer*

*The Offering*

*(10 o'clock)*

*The Preaching of God's Word*  
*"God ... the incomparable"*

BEHOLD YOUR GOD! *The Gospel in Isaiah*  
Rev. Grant Beachy

**Isaiah 40.12-31**  
*(p600 in the pew Bible)*

## *Response*

### **Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry – he the perfect Son of Man.  
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry – Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption. See the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry – slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord, he is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance. How unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

*Matt Boswell, Matt Papa & Michael Bleecker, 2012*

## ***The Covenant Meal***

*There are four tables around the sanctuary that are supplied with individual, pre-packaged communion elements. To reduce the amount of movement and allow plenty of space between people, please send one person to get the elements for those partaking of communion in your household. Please hold the elements until all have received and then we will partake together.*

*To help with a more sanitary clean-up, please take used communion cups and place them in the trash cans by the exit doors as you leave.*

## ***Parting Hymn***

### **Jesus Strong and Kind**

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.

***For the Lord is good and faithful.  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus;  
Jesus strong and kind.***

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

*CityAlight, 2019 (Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson,  
Michael Farren & Rich Thompson)*



**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his  
counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?  
For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be  
glory forever. Amen.**

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*For when you depart the sanctuary:*

- *please wear your mask and be mindful of social-distancing*
- *please take your used communion supplies and dispose of them in  
the trashcans next to the exit doors*
- *please do not congregate in the Foyer, but move beyond the fireplace  
into the Fellowship Hall or directly outside*
- *remember that the door by the piano is reserved for those wishing to  
avoid the higher traffic areas of the Foyer & Fellowship Hall*

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## **Announcements**

### **OPRC Virtual Banquet**

On Thursday, November 5, from 7-7:30pm, the Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center will stream its fund-raising banquet to a number of host churches throughout the community in order to maintain safe social distancing practices. Harvest will be one of the host sites for this event. For more information and to register, visit [oprcfriends.com](http://oprcfriends.com).

### **Small Groups**

As a church family we need to be in relationships with other Christians; being part of a Small Group can be key to that. Please contact Grant with any questions or if you are interested in participating in a Small Group this Fall ([gmbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:gmbeachy@gmail.com)).

### **Nursery Volunteers**

While we continue to not have a nursery, we have instituted a background check policy for all adult nursery workers. In preparation for re-opening the nursery (at some future point), we would like to begin running the background checks now so that when that day comes, we are ready to roll with cleared volunteers. So, if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery once it re-opens, please contact Amelia Hale, nursery coordinator, to get the process started (317.625.3194 or [ameliajhale12@gmail.com](mailto:ameliajhale12@gmail.com)).

### **Offerings**

In addition to passing the plate during the 10 o'clock service, there is also a box at the back of the sanctuary in which you can place your offering. A third option is giving online through the [Resources tab](#) on our website.

### **Ladies Bible Studies**

Harvest women's small group bible studies are forming for the fall, and registration is open! We have three groups (Psalms, Hebrews and Romans!) with limited slots available in each group. Contact Lindsey Olson for details ([locamentefeliz@gmail.com](mailto:locamentefeliz@gmail.com) or 540.840.7985) or visit the following website to sign up – [harvestwomen.groupvitals.com/groupFinder/](http://harvestwomen.groupvitals.com/groupFinder/)

## Harvest Online –

- ~ Email Distro List – if you’re interested in receiving email announcements and reminders, please send Grant an email and ask to be added to the official Harvest distro list (*gmbeachy@gmail.com*).
- ~ Any need or prayer request that you would like to make known to the church leadership can be done through the email address *elders@harvestpres.com*. That is a confidential email that only the elders see. We would welcome you to make use of it.
- ~ **Facebook & Instagram** @*harvestpresjax*
- ~ **YouTube** – search “*Harvest Presbyterian Church Jacksonville NC*”

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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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*RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (our denominational campus ministry)*

*MTW – Mission To the World (our denominational missions arm)*

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