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*a liturgy for corporate worship*  
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
October 18, 2020

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*Prelude & Reflection*

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

~ 2 Timothy 3.16-17

*We ought to approach Scripture with a special reverence and with special care. We come to the Bible very carefully. We want to be diligent. We want to be prepared. We want to take it seriously. And we also come to this book with a special reverence, because God is speaking to us. One of the ways to think of submitting to the Word is that we stop telling God what to do. God now speaks to us. A theologian once said that to be a Christian means you put your hand over your mouth and are silent. This doesn't mean that we can't ever cry out to God. Certainly the Psalms are full of that. But it means that we approach Scripture with reverence, wanting to hear from God, submitting ourselves fully to the Word of God.*

~ Kevin DeYoung



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*worship, nurture & service*

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*Welcome & Announcements*

*see pages 10 & 11*

*Gathering for Worship*

**O God, to Us Show Mercy**

O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace;  
Cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face;  
That so your way most holy on earth may soon be known,  
And unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;  
In ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;  
For you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,  
And through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing,  
For earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.  
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,  
And all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

*Words: The Psalter, 1912 (Ps. 67)*

*Music: William Lloyd, 1840*

## *Call to Worship*

*from Psalm 103*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

**As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**

For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

## *Songs of Praise*

### Psalm 1 (That Man is Blessed)

That man is blessed who does not walk as wicked men advise,  
Nor stand where sinners meet, nor sit where scorners pose as wise.  
Instead he is the one who makes the LORD's law his delight,  
And in that law he meditates by day and in the night.

He's like a deeply planted tree beside a water stream,  
Which in its season bears its fruit, whose leaves stay fresh and green.  
In all he does he will succeed. The wicked are not so,  
But they are like the scattered chaff swept by the winds that blow.

The wicked therefore will not stand when time of judgment comes,  
Nor will the sinners stand among assembled righteous ones.  
Because the LORD the righteous loves; the path they walk he knows.  
The wicked walk a different path, that to destruction goes.

*from The Book of Psalms for Worship*

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

*Words: Joachim Neander, 1680;  
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863  
Music: 17<sup>th</sup> Century German Tune*

*( songs continue on the next page )*

## He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

*Twila Paris, 1985*

## *New Testament Reading*

*2 Peter 1.16-21*

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## *Pastoral Prayer*

*Mastin Robeson, elder*

## *The Offering*

*(10 o'clock)*

## *Preparing for God's Word*

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

*How then is the Word of God to be read and heard?*

*With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.*

LORD, you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

*~ Hebrews 4.12-13, New City Catechism, question  
42 (in italics) & Psalm 86.10-13*

*The Preaching of God's Word*  
*"God's case against our idols"*

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

**Isaiah 41.1-7 & 21-29**  
*(p601 in the pew Bible)*

### ***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*

### How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And when the white hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

*Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787*

*Music: Traditional American Melody*

## **Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.*

*The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.*

*The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

*Through Jesus, our King and our Savior. 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**

### **Reformation Day Fellowship Meal**

Saturday evening, October 31, we will have a Reformation Day Celebration on the church grounds, beginning at 5pm. This will be outside (*building only open for restroom use*) and we ask that you bring your own dinner. We'll have a camp fire (*bring S'more supplies if you like & guitars or fiddles for playing music around the fire*), a reminder of what the Reformation is & why it matters today, plenty of fellowship and lights on the playground so the kiddos can play.

### **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).

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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”

### **Deployed Personnel & Their Families**

**Caleb & Lauren Smith** (Juliet & Noelle)

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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**

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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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