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*a liturgy for corporate worship*

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2020

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***Prelude & Reflection***

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

~ Philippians 2.4-11

*Catechism of the Week*

New City Catechism, questions 44 & 45

What is baptism?

*Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.*

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

*No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.*

# HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

*worship, nurture & service*

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***Welcome & Announcements***

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***Invocation***

**Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all we bow before you;  
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising  
Fills the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"

Lo! the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Spare your people, Lord we pray, by a thousand snares surrounded.  
Keep us free from sin today: never let us be confounded.  
All my trust I place in thee; never, Lord, abandon me.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you;  
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim you;  
And adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

*Words: Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca.1774*

*Trans. by Clarence Walworth, 1853*

*Music: Austrian tune, ca. 1774*

## *Call to Worship*

*from Psalm 9*

The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

**The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

**For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

Beloved, let us worship the LORD together.

## *Songs of Praise*

### Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious redeemer and friend  
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, comforter, keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own.  
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne.  
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

*Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse, 1989*

## Across The Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory. Let the land and seas rejoice.

*You're the author of creation. You're the Lord of ev'ry man  
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free.

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake.  
Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own  
From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home.

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2002*

## *New Testament Reading*

*Matthew 3.1-6 & 11-17*

*In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"*

*Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John said to them:*

*"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize*

*you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”*

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.*

*And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*

## ***Pastoral Prayer***

## ***The Offering***

*In addition to passing the plate during the 10 o'clock service, there is a secure box at the back of the sanctuary in which you can place offerings*

*OR you can contribute online through the 'Resources' page on the church website ([harvestpres.com](http://harvestpres.com)).*

**Isaiah 42.1-9**

- 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- 5 Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,
- 7 to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- 8 I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.
- 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth I tell you of them."

### ***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*

O, Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!

O, love, how deep, how broad, how high!

How passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us baptized, for us he bore  
His holy fast, and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew,  
For us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked men betrayed,  
Scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed;  
For us he bore the cross's death,  
For us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,  
For us he went on high to reign;  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

All honor, laud, and glory be,  
O Jesus, virgin-born, to thee;  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

*Words: Latin hymn, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.,  
trans. by Benjamin Webb, 1871  
To the tune of "Jesus Shall Reign",  
by John Hatton, 1793*

***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

### Small Groups

A list of groups is available on the table in the foyer (yellow sheet). Please take advantage of the opportunity to gather together with fellow believers in a smaller setting.

### 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

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### 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

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

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