
a liturgy for corporate worship

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27, 2020

Prelude & Reflection

As we end the year together in worship, we invite you to consider the final state of things from Revelation 21:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

While we aren't there yet, in Christ we are on our way. In our time together this morning we will reflect upon what God has done and entrust ourselves and the future to him who loves us and has given himself for us.

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worship, nurture & service

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Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

Call to Worship

from Psalm 33

The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;
from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of
the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all
their deeds.

**The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered
by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who
hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from
death and keep them alive in famine.

**Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our
heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.
Amen. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one king reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above him; none before him; all of time in his hands.
For his throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory; I will trust in his name.
For my God is the Ancient of days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me; I am not alone.
O, his love is sure and he knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king.
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

*CityAlight, 2018 (Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves)*

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

(song continues on the next page ...)

The Lord has promised good to me; his word, my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace!

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below, will be for ever mine.

*Words: John Newton, 1779
Music: Traditional American Melody*

The Confession of Faith

New City Catechism, question 52

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

The Pastoral Prayer

Doug Zimbelman, elder

The Offering

In addition to passing the plate during the 10:45 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).

The Preaching of God's Word
"delight & deliverance"

BEHOLD YOUR GOD! *The Gospel in Isaiah*
Grant Beachy, pastor

Isaiah 44.9-23
(p605 in the pew Bible)



Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

But Lord, have mercy on us according to your loving-kindness. We are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins for the sake of your Son, our elder brother, Jesus. And, most holy and loving Father, help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, by the power of your Holy Spirit, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*prayer adapted from the
Book of Common Worship*

*With a few moments of silent prayer,
let us confess our sins to the Lord ...*

Song of Assurance

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

no. 598

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams, 1745

Music: John Hughes, 1907

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

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will.
And if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed: you suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me! Now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now Lord I would be yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father use my ransomed life in any way you choose.
And let my song forever be – my only boast is you.

Jordan Kauflin, 2008

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.*

Announcements

Intro to Harvest Seminar

Saturday, January 16, we will host a socially-distanced Introduction to Harvest Seminar in the Fellowship Hall. Curious what it means to be Presbyterian? Unfamiliar with some of the basics of Christianity? This one-day seminar is required for membership but is also a great one-stop-shop for all things Harvest. Please email Grant with any questions or to sign-up (gmbeachy@gmail.com).

Small Groups

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

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).

Offerings

In addition to passing the plate during the second 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 –

- ~ [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) @*harvestpresjax*
- ~ [YouTube](#) – search “*Harvest Presbyterian Church Jacksonville NC*”
- ~ 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).

~ Please feel free to make any need or prayer request known to the church leadership 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.

Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Caleb & Lauren Smith (Juliet & Noelle)

Chris & Aubrey Maldonado

Please note our current Covid policies:

- Wear a mask & be mindful of social-distancing. If you don't have a mask, there are disposable masks available on the table in the foyer.
- Masks may be removed when you are seated in your pew.
- The Fellowship Hall may be utilized during the service as overflow.
- The nurseries & classrooms may be used as family / cry rooms. Note, they are not staffed and parents must be with their children.
- After the service, please do not congregate in the Foyer, but move beyond the fireplace into the Fellowship Hall or directly outside.
- 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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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)

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