
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
January 3, 2021

Prelude & Reflection

As we begin a new year together in worship,
let us reflect upon the following Scriptures:

“Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden,” Jesus said, “and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

~ Matthew 11.28-29

Jesus said to them, “Who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “And on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

~ Matthew 16.15-18

Thus says the LORD: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.”

~ Jeremiah 6.16



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Welcome & Announcements

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A New Year's Invocation

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come.
And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Then one day I'll see my Savior; face to face behold him there.
No more tears and no more sorrows, no more sin and no despair!
Faith to sight and prayer to praises, I will worship evermore
With the saints and with the angels, Jesus Christ, my gracious Lord.

*Words: Robert Robinson, 1758,
4th stanza, Ryan Stone, 2010
Music: Asahel Nettleton, 1825*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

Yes, establish the work of our hands!

Beloved, let us worship the Lord together, in humility, in gratitude and in faith.

The Church's One Foundation

no. 347

The church's one foundation, is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation, by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her, to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel Stone, 1866

Music: Samuel Wesley, 1864

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone, I wait in silence;
My soul is still before the Lord.
He is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress strong; I trust in him.

*I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in his love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I wait and trust his steadfast love!*

Put not your hope in gain of riches;
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,
Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you;
No other love will not run dry.

Wendell Kimbrough, 2015

The Pastoral Prayer

Paul Tompkins, 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).

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Response

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream—flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

*Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869
Music: William H. Doane, 1869*

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

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish Hymn (c. 8th cent.)

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

Fellowship Gathering

This evening at 5 o'clock we will gather for our 1st Sunday of the Month Fellowship. Please note a few Covid caveats:

- 1) It will be *outside (with a fire!)*. You may want to bring a chair.
- 2) The *building will be open for restroom use only*, not for hanging out in.
- 3) BYOD – *Bring Your Own Dinner* (and drinks and desserts, etc.). We will not be sharing food or drinks off a common table.

These are rich times in our life together and we believe these adjustments will enable us to fellowship together without exposing ourselves and one another to undue risks. Please join us if you are able.

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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