
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
January 10, 2021

Prelude & Reflection

The LORD of hosts has sworn: "As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand."

~ Isaiah 14.24

*Though wars may rise, and though kingdoms fall,
Though ills may threaten, and fears enthrall,
Our God still lives, and he hears our call –
Our God is sovereign still.*

*His holy purpose unchanging stands,
The stars still turn at their Lord's commands;
He holds the world in his mighty hands –
Our God is sovereign still!*

~ Margaret Clarkson, 1966

When various changes happen in the world, God secures at the same time the salvation of his people, and in the midst of storms wonderfully preserves his Church. We are indeed blind and stupid as to the works of God, yet we ought firmly to believe that, even when everything appears to be driven about at random, and to be tossed up and down, God never forgets his Church, whose salvation, on the contrary, he promotes by hidden methods, so that it is at length seen that he is her guardian and defender.

~ John Calvin

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worship, nurture & service

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Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

Matthew 6.9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Call to Worship

from Psalms 136 & 118

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

His love endures forever.

To him who alone does great wonders.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Let Israel say:

His love endures forever.

Let the house of Aaron say:

His love endures forever.

Let those who fear the LORD say:

His love endures forever.

Songs of Praise

O Father, You are Sovereign

no. 75

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your mighty word was spoken, and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

Words: Margaret Clarkson, 1982

Music: Melchoir Teschner, ca. 1615

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.
Yes, he rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines, of never failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.
Yes, he works his sovereign will.

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*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break, in blessings on your head.*

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence, he hides a smiling face.
Yes, he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.
O, yes, sweet will be the flow'r.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break, in blessings on your head.*

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is His own interpreter, and he will make it plain.
O, yes, he will make it plain.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break, in blessings on your head.*

*Words: William Cowper, 1774
Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615
Arr. by Brian Liedstrand, 2006*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** 'hell' here means the realm of death, not 'place of eternal torment'*

*** 'catholic' here means 'universal'*

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

Eric Winship, 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
"God's sovereignty: powerful provision"

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

Isaiah 44.24 – 45.7
(p605 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

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, our Redeemer.

There is no more for heaven now to give.

He is our joy, our righteousness and freedom,
Our steadfast love, our deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus!

For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but we are not forsaken,

For by our side the Saviour, he will stay.

We labour on in weakness and rejoicing,

For in our need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.

Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate we dread, we know we are forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for our pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath we long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring us home.
And day by day we know he will renew us
Until we stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus!
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

*Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren
& Rich Thompson, 2018*

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

Deacon Nominations

The Session is currently receiving nominations for the office of deacon through Sunday, January 24. Please consult the relevant Scripture passages (primarily Acts 6 & 1 Timothy 3) for the Biblical qualifications of a deacon. If there is a man you would like to nominate, you may do so by contacting Grant (gmbeachy@gmail.com | 910.650.0898) or by placing the nomination form in the Offering box or plate. Please note: only communing members are permitted to submit nominations.

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).

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.

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.

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

Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center – *oprfriends.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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