a liturgy for corporate worship HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH January 24, 2021

Prelude & Reflection

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory.

~ Isaiah 46.3-4 & 13



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Welcome & Announcements

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Entering in to Worship

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

(Isaiah 55.6-7)

Come to Me (Matthew 11.28)

You are weighed down; you are worried. Child, I see you; child, I know you. Bring your burdens; bring your labor. Come to me.

Come to me, come to me, Come to me if you are weary. I will give you, I will give you my rest.

I am gentle; I am humble. Let me teach you; let me show you. Trade your burden; mine is easy. Come to me.

Wendell Kimbrough, 2017

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

(Isaiah 55.1-3)

Merciful God

Merciful God, O abounding in love, Faithful to all who draw near You; Hearing the cries of the humble in heart, Showing the cross they may cling to. Broken I come, helpless in sin, Found at the feet of Your mercy. Father, forgive; may my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love, Faithful through times we have failed You; Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed, Foolish in word and ungrateful. Spirit of God, conquer our hearts With love that flows from forgiveness; Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, O abounding in love, Faithful to keep us from falling; Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart, Growing our faith with each testing. God speed the day struggles will end; Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory. Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend, 2006

Jesus has said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

(from John 6.35-40)

God All Nature Sings Thy Glory

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might; Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night; Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea; All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee; Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty. Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days, Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve. Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee; We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity. Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will; With our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

> Words: David Clowney, 1960 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Prayer of Praise

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

"revelation & response"

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

Isaiah 46-47

(p607 in the pew Bible)

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

The Heidelberg Catechism was comprised in 1563 as an aid for Christians to learn the truths of the faith in a devotional way.

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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, no. 198

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

Informational Meeting – AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Following both services today, the elders will hold a brief informational meeting. While not a formal congregational meeting, we will relay important information about the life of our church family, including the 2021 church budget. You *do not* need to be a member to attend this meeting.

Deacon Nominations – DUE TODAY

Through today, the Session is receiving nominations for the office of deacon. Please consult the relevant Scripture passages (primarily <u>Acts 6</u> & <u>1 Timothy 3</u>) 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 blue nomination form in the Offering box or plate.

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 –

- ~ <u>Facebook</u> & <u>Instagram</u> @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 <u>Resources tab</u> on our website.

Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Chip & Laura **Raybon** (Chloe, Gabriel & Samuel) **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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