a liturgy for corporate worship

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH February 21, 2021

For your reflection as we gather for worship ...

Trembling soul, beset by fears, look above, and dry thy tears. Though thy foes with power assail, naught against thee shall prevail. Trust in Him—He'll never fail: thy God reigneth!

Sinful soul, thy debt is paid; on the Lord thy sins were laid. On the cross of Calvary, Jesus shed His blood for thee, From all sin to set thee free: thy God reigneth!

Seeking soul, to Jesus turn; none that seek Him will He spurn. Wandering sheep the Shepherd seeks and, when found, He ever keeps, For He slumbers not nor sleeps: thy God reigneth!

Join, ye saints, the truth proclaim, shout it forth with glad acclaim. Zion, wake! the morn is nigh; see it break from yonder sky; Loud and clear the watchmen cry: "Thy God reigneth!"

Church of Christ, awake, awake! Forward then, fresh courage take: Soon, descending from His throne, He shall claim thee for His own; Sin shall then be overthrown: thy God reigneth!

"Thy God Reigneth!" by Fred S. Shepherd (d. 1907), based on Isaiah 52.7; adapted.

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I, I am he who comforts you.

Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

~ Isaiah 51.12 & 52.9

Welcome & Announcements

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Call to Worship

from Hebrews 9.24-28

Beloved, Jesus the Christ has entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. As it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

In this hope, let us worship the LORD together.

When Zion's Captive Ones Returned (Psalm 126)

When Zion's captive ones had, by the LORD, returned – how like a dream!

Our mouth was filled with joy, with laughter and delight;

Our tongue then overflowed with shouts of joy.

In Gentile lands they said, "Great things the LORD has done, great things for them!"

How the LORD made us glad! Great things He's done for us!

Bring back our exiles, LORD, like desert streams.

Those who now sow in tears will reap at harvest time, and shout for joy.

That one who sows with tears bearing his bag of seed,

Will come with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves.

Words: Book of Psalms for Worship (Psalm 126B) Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease!
My Comforter my All in All – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh – fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied For all my sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am His and He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. Till he returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

New Testament Reading

Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Pastoral Prayer

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 "I'm coming back!"

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

Isaiah 51.9 – 52.12

(p612 in the pew Bible)



Response to God's Word

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

~ Titus 2.11-14

In a few moments of silent prayer, let us submit ourselves afresh to our Savior, responding to him and his word as he leads ...

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past; Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee; Leave, O, leave me not alone, support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee; Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

> Words: Charles Wesley, 1740 Music: Greg Thompson, 2000

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

Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame.
We fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to him who showed great love,
And bled for us; freely you bled, for us.

Christ is risen from the dead; trampling over death by death. Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave! Christ is risen from the dead! We are one with him again. Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bow to none but heavens will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold you down.
In strength you reign. Forever let your church proclaim:

(chorus)

Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
The glory of God has defeated the night!
Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
Our God is not dead, he's alive! He's alive!

(chorus)

Matt Maher & Mia Fieldes, 2009

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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Announcements

Harvest Ladies' Bible Studies

We have several small group bible studies going (both in person and online) and would love to invite ladies who haven't yet gotten plugged in to join! For detailed information and to get connected to a group, contact Lindsey Olson (*locamentefeliz@gmail.com* or 540.840.7985).

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 Resources tab on our website.

Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Chris & Aubrey Maldonado
Chip & Laura Raybon (Chloe, Gabriel & Samuel)
Anthony & Anna Johnson (Sasha, Teagan & Remi)

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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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