# a liturgy for corporate worship HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH March 28, 2021

For your reflection as we gather for worship ...

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

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."

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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worship, nurture & service

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In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

~ 1 John 4.10-11 ~

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#### Welcome & Announcements

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# Call to Worship

from Psalm 30

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

#### The Goodness of Jesus

Come you weary heart now to Jesus.
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.

Satisfied, he is all that I need.

May it be – come what may – that I rest all my days

In the goodness of Jesus.

Come find what this world cannot offer.
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again;
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus.

He is all he said he would be.

Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart;

Rest here in his wondrous peace.

CityAlight, 2018 (Fiona Aghajanian, Harrison Druery, Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson)

#### He's On Our Side (Psalm 124)

Our help has come in the name of the Lord, The One who formed all the earth and the sky. Behold! He comes to destroy the chains of death And raise us up to life.

O bless his name, for he has given us
Everything we need to fly.
Our broken wings, they have not hindered us.
We have the Lord; he's on our side!

Rev. Sam Kennedy RUF UNC, Wilmington

# New Testament Reading

Luke 19.28-40

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Pastoral Prayer

Paul Tompkins, elder

# The Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Skylar Adams RUF, East Carolina University

#### Psalm 126

#### A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
- The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
- Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!
- Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
- He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

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# Response to God's Word

#### Psalm 126

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter. Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy. Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.

Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them. Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry. All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"

The nations will sing songs of joy.

Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.

#### 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 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.

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'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

**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**

### Service of Tenebrae

Friday, April 2, we will observe the death of our Savior with a special service of *Tenebrae*. This Latin word means 'darkness' or 'shadows'. Similar to the Christmas Eve Service of *Lessons & Carols* in format, *Tenebrae* however, is an intentionally somber service in which we reflect upon Jesus' death through a series of Scripture readings. Beginning at 6pm, the service will be both in-person and live-streamed.

#### 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.

#### 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).

#### **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).

#### Harvest Online -

- ~ Directory In order to foster relationships among us as a church family, we encourage you to make use of the app 'Instant Church Directory.'

  Jim Turner is point of contact for the app if you have any questions.
- ~ 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**

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**

**Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center** – *oprcfriends.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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