
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
April 25, 2021

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

~ Isaiah 60.1-3

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand,
and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light
shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give
glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

~ Matthew 5.14-16



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a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
worship, nurture & service

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into his harvest.
~ Luke 10.2 ~*

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Invocation

Entering into Worship

from Revelation 21 & 2 Corinthians 5

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.”

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

With this confidence, let us worship the LORD together.

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*

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21.22 – 22.5

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Arise O God And Shine

Arise, O God, and shine in all thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,
And govern by thy righteous laws.

Put forth thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store, in converts born to thee.
God, our own God, his Church will bless,
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Words: William Hurn, 1813
Music: Chris Miner, 2004*

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'*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

Text: 2nd cent.; translated

Tune: Henry Greatorex, 1851

Pastoral Prayer

Ken Counts
director of men's discipleship

The Offering

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

(2 Corinthians 8.9)

The Preaching of God's Word
"remember the future"

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

Isaiah 60
(*pew Bible, p619*)

Song of Response

O Church Arise

O church arise and put your armour on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war to love the captive soul but to rage against the captor.
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side we know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which he died – an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet as the Son of God is stricken.
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2005

The Covenant Meal

The elements of bread and wine are simple and yet by God's power and his Spirit's blessing are both a sign and seal of God's love. For those who are not believing in Jesus, this meal is a sign of the sacrificial love of Jesus for those who acknowledge their need of him. For those who are believing in Jesus, this is not only a sign of these things, it is also a seal to their hearts, that indeed the Gospel is true and that his love for them is real.

Parting in Faith

The Sands of Time are Sinking

The sands of time are sinking. The dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair, sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark has been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The king there in his beauty without a veil is seen.
It were a well-spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between.
The Lamb with his fair army does on Mount Zion stand.
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, he is the Fountain; the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted – more deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean's fullness his mercy does expand
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment but her dear bride-groom's face.
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace;
Not at the crown he giveth but on his pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into his house of wine.
I stand upon his merit – I know no other stand.
Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

*Words: Anne Cousin, 1906
(based on words by Samuel Rutherford),
Music: Phillip Palmertree, 2001*

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.*

Please note our current Covid policies:

Let love be genuine.
(Romans 12.9)

9:00 service:

- Please 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.
- Nurseries are not staffed.
- After the service, please do not congregate in the Foyer, but move beyond the fireplace into the Fellowship Hall or directly outside.

10:45 Service:

- No masking or social distancing requirements. Certainly feel free to wear a mask if you desire and be aware of the interests of others.
 - The nursery is open and staffed.
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Announcements

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.

1st Sunday Family Dinner – Next Sunday, May 2

We'll begin at 5pm with a devotional, prayer and singing, then enjoy fellowship together over food. Please bring food for yourself and your family. Family Dinners are a great way to connect with other believers, develop relationships and end the day with relaxed, unhurried fellowship. We look forward to being with you.

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).

Staying Connected

- ~ *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.
- ~ *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.

Harvest Online –

- ~ Facebook & Instagram @[harvestpresjax](#)
- ~ YouTube – search “*Harvest Presbyterian Church Jacksonville NC*”

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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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