
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 9, 2021

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”*

~ Lamentations 3.22-24

Isaiah shows that God does not cease to discharge his office, though he does not instantly execute his judgments, but, on the contrary, delays till a seasonable time, which he knows well; and that it does not belong to us to prescribe to him when or how he ought to do this or that, but we ought to bow submissively to his decree, that he may administer all things according to his pleasure. Let us not, therefore, imagine that he is asleep, or that he is idle, when he delays.

It is clearly seen that our groans are heard, and that God, when he wishes to relieve the afflicted, is armed with strength to put to flight all the enemies of his Church. Wherefore, although the cross be heavy to us, yet by bearing patiently let us learn to lift up our minds by hope to that “year” which God hath appointed for executing his vengeance.

~ John Calvin, on Isaiah 63.4

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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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Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

adapted from the Book of Common Worship

O God, make me to know your presence in this hour; make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshipped you in spirit and in truth; by the assurance of your steadfast love, lift my heart to you; and so, Lord, purify my life that, going forth into the world, I may go in your strength and in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, O Come Thou Holy Spirit

Come, o come Thou Holy Spirit, light and life Thy grace impart.
Blessed Source of consolation guide our minds and fill our hearts.
Grant my mind and my affections wisdom, counsel, purity;
That I may be ever seeking only that which pleases Thee,
Only that which pleases Thee.

Savior lead us to adore Thee by the true and living way
Then with angel hosts before Thee may we worship, love and praise.
Dwell within us, precious Spirit, where Thou art no ill can come.
Bless us now through Jesus' merit. Reign in every heart and home.
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Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things new;
Make Thy work within me perfect, help me by Thy word so true.
In Thy faith, O make me steadfast. Let not Satan, death or shame
Of my confidence deprive me. Lord, my refuge is Thy name;
Lord, my refuge is Thy name.

(song continues on the next page ...)

While we wait for Christ's appearing, life and joy Thy beams impart,
Chasing all our fears and cheering every poor benighted heart.
Come and manifest the favor promised for our ransomed race.
Come Thou mighty prince and savior. Come and bring the gospel grace.
Come and bring the gospel grace.

When my final hour approaches, let my hopes grow yet more bright.
Let Thy love which never fails me dissipate the gloom of night.
From that height which knows no measure, fairer far than voice can tell,
In Thy glorious courts of heaven, there, redeemed by Christ, to dwell,
There, redeemed by Christ, to dwell.

*Words: Anonymous (1838), Joachim Neander (1866)
& Julie Melucci (2015); Music: Julie Melucci, 2015*

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1.2-12

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight,

Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Therefore, let us together worship God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – that we might be to the praise of his glory.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning.
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord.
Great is Thy faithfulness.

Edith McNeill, 1974

In You, Lord, I Refuge Take (Psalm 31)

In you, Lord, I refuge take; let me not be put to shame.
Turn your ear and quickly make safety for my trembling frame.
You're a rock and fortress strong; I am lost and cannot see.
For your name's sake, lead me on; in your hands, my soul redeem.

My eyes weak with sorrow grow, and my body fills with grief.
All my years pass with a groan; my strength fails, my bones are weak.
Those who see me turn to flee; my friends' eyes are filled with dread.
Like a potter's broken dream: in their gaze, a shade of death.

But I trust you are my God; all my days are in your hands.
Let your face upon me shine; make me in your love to stand.
Great the steadfast love you've stored for the poor, who refuge seek.
In your presence, gracious Lord; in your dwelling they find peace.

When I cried in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight!"
Praise the Lord, whose saving arm was my rescue and my light.
Love the Lord, all you his saints! You, who in him refuge take.
Though in darkness you may wait, all who hope in God are saved!

Wendell Kimbrough, 2011

Fairest Lord Jesus

no. 170

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine.

*Words: 17th Century German Hymn
Music: Silesian Folk Song*

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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'*

Pastoral Prayer

Paul Tompkins, elder

The Offering

The Preaching of God's Word
"recounting love"

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

Isaiah 63.1-14
(p622 pew Bible)



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.

Allow one or more of the following prayers to guide your heart's reflection and meditation during our celebration of the Lord's Supper ...

Searching for Truth ...

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might not be discouraged by the cost of following you, but drawn to you by a sight of your loving sacrifice for me. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Help me to be honest in my search, and give me an understanding of you that fits together and leads to life.

Ready to believe Christ ...

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I dare admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I can hope or imagine. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me your complete righteousness. Knowing that you have been raised as Victor over sin, I turn from my sins and receive your grace in my life. Help me to rest in you.

Struggling with sin ...

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the True and Living Bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race before me, looking only unto you, the Author and Perfecter of my faith, one day, one hour, at a time.

Non-communing members *(those not yet prepared to take the Supper)*

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as a faithful disciple.

Desiring deeper commitment to the Church ...

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. You have called me not to exist alone, but to be a vital member of your Body, the church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and to live in the fullness of fellowship with your Spirit.

Rejoicing in God's provision ...

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I am overwhelmed and delighted by your mercies to me: a sure and certain salvation in Jesus, restored relationship with the God of heaven and earth, daily supplies of compassion, kindness, grace and strength – thank you. Further enable me to live in light of your glory and goodness.

Parting in Faith

Great is Thy Faithfulness

no. 32

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Words: Thomas O. Chisholm,
Music: William M. Runyan, 1923*

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.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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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