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*a liturgy for corporate worship*  
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
July 25, 2021

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*Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.  
Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

~ Matthew 10.28

*Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when  
he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God  
has promised to those who love him.*

~ James 1.12

*I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me,  
though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and  
believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?*

~ John 11.25-26



*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

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

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*here we sing, here we pray,  
here we tell our children who they are.*

(Marilynne Robinson, "Jack")

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July 25, 2021  
*a day of rest*

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*Welcome & Announcements*

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*Call to Worship*

*Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## *Invocation*

*adapted from the Book of Common Worship*

**O God, make us to know your presence in this hour; make us to be of the company of brave saints who have worshipped you in spirit and in truth; through our voices raised and the instruments of praise, lift our hearts to you; and so, Lord, purify our lives that, going forth into the world, we may go in your strength and in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *Songs of Praise*

**A Mighty Fortress, no. 92**

**Though Troubles Assail Us, no. 95**

## *Covenant Baptism*

*Audrey Evangeline Meissner*

*Vows for the Parents:*

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, even as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate her to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*Vow for the Congregation:*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## *A Confession of Faith*

*[ the words of Jesus, about himself and us and how we can have eternal life ]*

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

**Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.**

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

**Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.**

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?

*(John 3.14-16; 10.10; 3.36; 5.24; 10.27-28; 12.25; 17.3; 11.25-26)*

## *Pastoral Prayer*

Eric Winship, elder

## *The Offering*

**Revelation 2.8-11**

<sup>8</sup> And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: "The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

<sup>9</sup> "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup> Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

<sup>11</sup> "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death."

## *Hymn of Response*

### **God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.  
Yes, he rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines, of never failing skill  
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.  
Yes, he works his sovereign will.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.*

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence, he hides a smiling face.  
Yes, he hides a smiling face

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.  
O, yes, sweet will be the flow'r.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break, in blessings on your head.*

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and he will make it plain.  
O, yes, he will make it plain.

*Words: William Cowper, 1774  
Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615  
Arr. by Brian Liedstrand, 2006*

## ***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.

*We invite you to allow one or more of the following prayers to guide your mind and heart during our celebration of the Lord's Supper this morning:*

### **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.*

## The Parting Hymn

### Christ Is Mine Forever

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with him.

Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer. Though I fall, his love is sure.

For Christ has paid for every failing – I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.

Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.

I know my pain will not be wasted – Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.

One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.

But mine is armour for this battle strong enough to last the war.

And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.

For there my heart has found its treasure – Christ is mine forevermore!

*Come rejoice now, O my soul – for his love is my reward!*

*Fear is gone and hope is sure – Christ is mine forevermore!*

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.

For there my heart has found its treasure – Christ is mine forevermore!

*CityAlight, 2015 (Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson)*

*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**

### **General Assembly Re-Cap – Friday, July 30**

If you are interested to hear about our denomination's recent General Assembly, we invite you to a dessert on Friday evening, July 30. We'll gather at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

### **Introduction to Harvest Seminar – Saturday, August 14**

Curious what it means to be Presbyterian? Unfamiliar with some of the basics of Christianity? Interested in potentially joining Harvest? This one-day seminar is required for membership but is also a great one-stop-shop for all things Harvest. Please email Grant with any questions or to sign-up ([gmbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:gmbeachy@gmail.com)).

### **Congregational Meeting – Sunday, August 22**

The elders of the church have called a congregational meeting for August 22, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on two men for election to the office of deacon. Clay James and Andrew Townsend have both been nominated, trained and examined and now the elders are recommending them both to you. While all are welcome to attend the meeting, you must be a communing member to vote. If you have any questions about this process or particular reservations about one of these men, please contact one of the elders.

## Elder Visits

If you'd be interested in having a couple of the elders visit you in your home, please sign up on the list in the foyer. These visits are intended to be an opportunity for us to get to know one another better.

## Offerings

In addition to passing the plate during the worship 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

- ~ 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.
- ~ *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*).
- ~ *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.

## 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**

**Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center** – *oprcfriends.com*, 910.938.7000

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**RUF – Reformed University Fellowship** (*our denominational campus ministry*)

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