

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

August 8, 2021

I will tell of the decree:

*The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.*

*Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.*

*You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*

*Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.*

*Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.*

*Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.*

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

~ Psalm 2.7-12



*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

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

(Marilynne Robinson, "Jack")

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August 8, 2021
a day of rest

Welcome & Announcements

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Invitation

Come to Me

You are weighed down; you are worried.
Child, I see you; child, I know you.
Bring your burdens; bring your labor.
Come to me.

*Come to me, come to me,
Come to me if you are weary.
I will give you, I will give you my rest.*

I am gentle; I am humble.
Let me teach you; let me show you.
Trade your burden; mine is easy.
Come to me.

*Wendell Kimbrough, 2017
(a setting of Matthew 11.28)*

Assurance of Grace & Acceptance

*I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
Whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*

(John 6.35 & 37)

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)*

Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?

Why do Gentile nations rage, and their useless plots design?
Kings of earth in schemes engage, rulers are in league combined.
They speak out against the Lord; his Messiah they defy:
“Let us break their chains and cords, let us cast them off,” they cry.

He who sits in heaven laughs, for the Lord views them with scorn.
He will speak to them in wrath, and in anger he will warn:
“Yet according to my will, I have set my King to reign;
And on Zion's holy hill, my anointed will remain.”

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“I the Lord’s decree make known; this is what he had to say:
He declared, ‘You are my Son; I have brought you forth this day.
Ask of me, and you I’ll make heir to earth and nations all.
Them with iron rod you’ll break, smashing them in pieces small.”

Therefore kings now heed this word; earthly judges, come and hear:
Rev’reant worship give the Lord; with your joy mix trembling fear.
Honor him, his wrath to turn lest you perish in your stride,
For his anger soon may burn. Blessed are all who in him hide.

*Book of Psalms for Worship (a setting of Psalm 2)
arranged by Joseph Parry, 1879*

A Confession of Faith

from Romans 8.28-39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.

**For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the
image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many
brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those
whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also
glorified.**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against
us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how
will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who
is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress,
or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who
loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor
rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

A Ministry Update

Ben & Alison Sheldon

Pastoral Prayer

Eric Winship, elder

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

(Romans 8.26-27)

The Offering

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

(2 Corinthians 9.6-8)

Song of Preparation

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me, no. 36

Revelation 2.18-29

¹⁸ And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: "The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹ "I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come.

²⁶ "The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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.

The Parting Hymn

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, no. 599

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

Words: attributed to Dorothy Ann Thrupp, 1836

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1859

The 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

Introduction to Harvest Seminar – THIS *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).

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.

Ministry Fair – *Sunday, August 29*

As we conclude our summer schedule at the end of August, we will transition into our Fall ministry schedule with a potluck meal and *Ministry Fair* immediately following worship on August 29. This is an opportunity for the leadership of the church to introduce upcoming ministry and service opportunities. Our annual Ministry Fair is an important and helpful gathering in the life of our church family. Please make plans to attend.

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.

High School Girls' Bible Study

Harvest high school girls bible study is returning this fall to go through Colossians with a study called "Truthfilled", written with teen girls in mind! We will be meeting Wednesdays from 7:15-9pm starting September 15th at the Olson home (148 Durbin Ln). Led by Lindsey Olson & Amy Cochran. Ages 14 and up (by Sept 1). To RSVP or if you have any questions, contact Lindsey (locamentefeliz@gmail.com or 540.840.7985). The book costs \$15 and we will do a bulk order Sept 1st.

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

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