

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

August 15, 2021

*Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion;
put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city.*

“Now therefore what have I here,” declares the LORD, “seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail and continually all the day my name is despised. Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.”

from Isaiah 52.1-6

*Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness, my beauty are, my glorious dress.
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed with joy shall I lift up my head.*

*This spotless robe the same appears, when ruined nature sinks in years.
No age can change its glorious hue; the robe of Christ is ever new.*

*O let the dead now hear Thy voice. Bid, Lord, Thy banished ones rejoice.
Their beauty this, their glorious dress: Jesus the Lord, our Righteousness.*

Nikolaus von Zinzendorf, 1739
Translated by John Wesley, 1740



*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 15, 2021
a day of rest

Welcome & Announcements

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Call to Worship

Psalm 62.5-8

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Invocation

Matthew 6.9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Songs of Praise

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I, no. 706

Jesus Paid it All, no. 308

Christian, how are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

What, then, is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastoral Prayer

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)

Song of Preparation

The Resurrection and the Life

“I am,” saith Christ, “your glorious head” (may we attention give),

“The resurrection of the dead, the life of all that live.

“By faith in me the soul receives new life, though dead before;

“And he that in my name believes, shall live to die no more.

“The sinner, sleeping in his grave, shall at my voice awake;

“And when I once begin to save, my work I ne’er forsake.”

Fulfil thy promise, gracious Lord, on us assembled here;
Put forth thy Spirit with the word, and cause the dead to hear.

Preserve the pow’r of faith alive in those who love thy name;
For sin and Satan daily strive to quench the sacred flame.

Thy pow’r and mercy first prevail’d, from death to set us free;
And often since our life had fail’d, if not renew’d by thee.

To thee we look, to thee we bow, to thee for help we call;
Our life and resurrection thou, our hope, our joy, our all.

Words: John Newton, 1779

Based on John 11.25

Tune: St. Columba (Old Irish Melody)

Revelation 3.1-6

¹ And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: "The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

"I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴ Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

⁵ "The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Remember, Repent, Receive Again

*The following Scriptures are excerpted from Deuteronomy 30,
Jeremiah 3, Psalm 106, Isaiah 30 & Joshua 24*

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days.

We have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers; we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God. Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

[Individual reflection & prayer]

Our fathers did not consider the LORD's wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of his steadfast love. Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power. But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things.

Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

[Individual reflection & prayer]

The LORD waits to be gracious to you, and he exalts himself to show mercy to you. Blessed are all those who wait for him.

Have Mercy on Me

Have mercy on me. Have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

O help my unbelief. O help my unbelief.
O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

Have mercy on me. Have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

Sandra McCracken & Thad Cockrell, 2015

The LORD waits to be gracious to you, and he exalts himself to show mercy to you. Blessed are all those who wait for him.

Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

Amen! Praise the LORD!

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

Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame.
We fix our eyes upon the cross and run to him who showed great love,
And bled for us; freely you bled, for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead; trampling over death by death.
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead! We are one with him again.
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave!*

Beneath the weight of all our sin you bow to none but heavens will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down.
In strength you reign. Forever let your church proclaim:

(chorus)

Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
The glory of God has defeated the night!
Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
Our God is not dead, he's alive! He's alive!

(chorus)

Matt Maher & Mia Fieldes, 2009

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

Congregational Meeting – *NEXT 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.

Harvest Old Guys & Gals (HOGGs) – *Saturday, August 28*

If you've got 5 decades or more under your belt, you're invited to an ice cream social on Saturday, August 28, from 3-5pm at the church building! The HOGGs group enjoys regular fellowship and would love to incorporate those of you 50 & above. Contact Debbie Dewart with any questions – lawyerdeborah@outlook.com | 910.326.4554.

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 a time 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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