

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

August 22, 2021

*You are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you.*

*Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through,
I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age.*

*And you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.*

~ Isaiah 43.4 & 60.15-16

*As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

~ Psalm 103.13-14

*I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that
have nothing more that they can do. Are not five sparrows sold for two
pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Fear not; you are of
more value than many sparrows.*

~ from Luke 12.4-7



*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 22, 2021
a day of rest

Welcome & Announcements

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Call to Worship

from Psalms 146 & 31

Praise the LORD!

**Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD
his God.**

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will
sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your
righteousness deliver me!**

Incline your ear to us; rescue us speedily! Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong
fortress to save us!

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.

(song continues on the next page ...)

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

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

no. 57

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heaven and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and the widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

*Words: The Psalter, 1912 (based on Psalm 146)
Music: Gregorian chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839*

A Confession of Faith

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

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.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

*~ texts from Psalm 103.13-14; Ephesians 2.4-6;
Romans 8.38-39 & 1; Philippians 1.6*

Song of Comfort

Children of the Heavenly Father, no. 131

Pastoral Prayer

Mastin Robeson, elder

The Offering

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)

Revelation 3.7-13

⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: "The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸ "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

¹² "The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

sermon notes ...



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 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 Perfector 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

And Can it Be, no. 455

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 – After Worship *Today*

We have a congregational meeting, immediately following worship today. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on two men for election to the office of deacon. Andrew Townsend & Clay James have both been nominated, trained and examined for office 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.

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 *THIS* 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 – Next 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 *NEXT* Sunday. 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.

Fall Ministry Schedule

Beginning September 5, we will return to our normal ministry schedule:

- Sunday School – 9:30 am (*children & adults, nursery available*)
- Fellowship – 10:15 am
- Worship – 10:45 am
- Family Dinners – 5pm (*1st Sundays*)

Ladies Bible Studies

Bible Studies for Harvest's *Women & High School Girls* are starting in September. Pick up a flyer in the foyer for all the details! Contact Lindsey Olson (harvestwomensbiblestudy@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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

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