

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

August 29, 2021

*And Jesus appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles)
so that they might be with him ...*

~ Mark 3.14

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that
they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished.*

And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

~ Acts 4.13

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.

Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.

He is able, he is able; he is willing, doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.

All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

~ Joseph Hart, 1759



*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 29, 2021
a day of rest

Welcome & Announcements

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Gathering by Faith

Just As I Am

no. 501

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Words: Charlotte Elliot, 1836
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1849*

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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)*

Wonderful, Merciful Saviour

Wonderful, merciful Saviour, precious redeemer and friend,
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, comforter, keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne.
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse, 1989

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word, my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace!

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, who call'd me here below, will be for ever mine.

*Words: John Newton, 1779
Music: Traditional American Melody*

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)*

The Preaching of God's Word
"Laodicea"

LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES
Grant Beachy, pastor

Revelation 3.14-22

¹⁴ And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: "The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

¹⁵ "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

²¹ "The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

sermon notes ...



Confessing Our Sin & Need

Searcher of hearts, it is a good when you give us a glimpse of ourselves: sin is our greatest evil, but you are our greatest good. You are holy, pure, glorious and good; we are vile, wretched, miserable, blind. Our country, our families, and our church are injured because of our sin. We deceive ourselves by thinking that sins are small, or that they will not destroy and enslave us. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend.

Let us sit in silence before the Lord, submitting ourselves to him.

Father, grant us to know that the way of the transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from you is to lose all good. Remove the calluses from our hearts that we would no longer flirt with sin, cherish it, and so be abused by it. May your light drown all of our darkness. Let us flee to no fountain but the blood of Christ, for there and there alone can the filthy be made clean, the blind find sight, the captives be freed, and the poor be made rich.

Let us sit in silence before the Lord, submitting ourselves to him.

Lord and Giver of life, let us learn that the way down is the way up; that to be low is to be high; that the broken heart is the healed heart; that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit; that the repenting soul is the victorious soul; that to have nothing is to possess all; that to bear the cross is to wear the crown; that to give is to receive. Let us find your light in our darkness, your life in our death, your joy in our sorrow, your grace in our sin, your riches in our poverty. All for the sake of your glorious name, Amen.

*~ prayers adapted from The Valley of Vision,
a collection of puritan prayers and devotions*

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 displayed in Jesus Christ. 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, 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

What the Lord Has Done in Me

Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich."
Let the blind say, "I can see." It's what the Lord has done in me.

*Hosanna, Hosanna, to the Lamb that was slain!
Hosanna, Hosanna, Jesus died and rose again!*

Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away.
From the heavens mercy streams of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs. Jesus Christ has set me free!

Reuben Morgan, 1998

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

Ministry Fair – *TODAY After Worship*

We invite you all to a potluck lunch, immediately following worship today. With next Sunday's transition into our Fall ministry schedule (*see below*), we want to lay out for you the current & upcoming ministry and service opportunities. Even if you didn't bring food, please come and join in!

Fall Ministry Schedule

Beginning NEXT Sunday, Sept. 5, we return to our normal 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.

Harvest Ladies Beach Day

Ladies, mark your calendars! Saturday, September 18, from 12-4:30pm, the Turners will be hosting a beach day at their home in Surf City. With questions, or to RSVP, contact Mary Turner at mpmturner3@yahoo.com or 757.531.5763.

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) and we also plan to have a few additional groups beginning in September.

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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