



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

November 14, 2021

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from John 5.2-9

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Matthew 11.2-6



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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:30
Fellowship	10:15
Worship	10:45
Family Dinner	5pm (<i>1st Sundays</i>)

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November 14, 2021
a day of rest

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Welcome & Announcements

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Call to Worship

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Therefore, beloved, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

(from James 4, Hebrews 7, 4 & 10)

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail – let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us –
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2005

My Song is Love Unknown

no. 182

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take, frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
But men cared not and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need, his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day hosannas to their king.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet all his deeds their hatred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.

(song continues on the next page ...)

They rise, and needs will have my dear lord made away;
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet willingly he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home, my Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb, but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home, but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman, d. 1683
Music: John Baptiste Calkin, d. 1905

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, questions 21 & 61

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one king reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above him; none before him;
All of time in his hands.*

*For his throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power; all the glory; I will trust in his name.
For my God is the Ancient of days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me; I am not alone.
O, his love is sure and he knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king.
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

*CityAlight, 2018 (Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves)*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Pastoral Prayer

Mastin Robeson, *elder*

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 9.7-8)

John 5.1-18

¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." ¹¹ But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" ¹² They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶ And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

¹⁸ This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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

Resurrection Hymn

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen.
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice.
Fulfilled in Christ the man, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping: 'Where is he laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us.
Will sound till he appears, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise,
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered!
And we shall reign with him, for he lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2003

The Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Talent Show – December 5

Harvest's Annual Talent show is scheduled for Sunday, December 5. The show will start at 5pm with a potluck dinner following the entertainment. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Talent is not restricted to just the children; adult talent is welcomed. We encourage family talent and small group talent as well. Some talents previously done are skits, instrumentalists, soloists, duets, recitations, ballet, comedy, etc. Contact Ray & Mary Respass to sign-up (252.521.6225).

Ladies Christmas Party – December 9

The ladies of the church are invited to attend a Christmas Party, Thursday evening, Dec. 9, beginning at 6:30pm. RSVP by November 20th so that we can be sure to have enough food! (Email, text, call, facebook – doesn't matter how, just let us know!) Please include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP. No nursery for this event, but nursing infants are welcome. If you would like to participate in the Secret Santa gift exchange, be sure to bring a gift for yourself and for each daughter who wants to participate. Gifts for the Secret Santa should cost no more than \$15.

Small Groups

Please take advantage of the opportunity to gather together with fellow believers in a smaller setting. We have a number of groups meeting in peoples' homes throughout the area and at a variety of times. A list of groups is available on the table in the foyer (yellow sheet).

Elder Visits

If you'd be interested in having a couple of the elders visit you in your home for conversation and prayer, please sign up on *the green sheet* in the foyer. We look forward to being with you!

Offerings

In addition to passing the plate during the second 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.

Harvest Online –

- Facebook & Instagram @harvestpresjax
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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

SUPPORTED MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

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