



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

November 21, 2021

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers – it is to him you shall listen.

- Moses (Deuteronomy 18.15)

*I saw in the night visions, and behold,
with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.*

*And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

- Daniel (Daniel 7.13-14)

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

- Jesus (John 11.25-26)

This is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

- John (1 John 5.11-13)

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 (1 st Sundays)

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a day of rest

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Welcome & Announcements

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Call to Worship

Beloved, what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord.

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

We know that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

(from 2 Corinthians 4 & Colossians 3)

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.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744, stanzas 1 & 4

Mark Hunt, 1978, stanzas 2 & 3

Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight – Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight – he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost – he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died – Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied – he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life – he will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

*Original Lyrics by: Ada Ruth Habershon (d. 1918)
Arranged by: Matthew Merker, 2013*

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* 'hell' here means the realm of death, not 'place of eternal torment'

** 'catholic' here means 'universal'

Affirmation of Vows

George & Mary Goddard, Liz Winship

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope, except in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise – in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit – that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Covenant Baptism

Gloria & Caleb Goddard, Zayne Winship

Vows for the Parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with them and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vow for the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

*(Vows taken from the Book of Church Order
of the Presbyterian Church in America.)*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Pastoral Prayer

Eric Winship, elder

The Offering

The Preaching of God's Word
"the exposure of unbelief"

BELIEVE & LIVE
Grant Beachy, pastor

John 5.17-47
(p890, pew Bible)



Hymn of Response

Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus make it soft.

*Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief. My help must come from thee.*

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest, in God's most holy will;
I know what he appoints is best, and murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

*Words: John Newton, d. 1807
Music: Clint Wells, 2005*

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

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)

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.

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SOME NOTES ON BAPTISM

We recognize that many with us in worship may be new to our church and also to our denomination and so there may be some confusion or misunderstanding in regards to our practice of baptism. Certainly there is more that could be said, but here is a brief explanation of how we understand baptism.

What Baptism Is Not

We do not believe that the external application of water necessarily effects an internal heart change. That is to say, just because someone has been baptized does not mean that they have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is not baptism that saves someone, it is Jesus who saves. All who are baptized must personally enter into the promises that baptism represents.

Furthermore, we do not believe that baptism *must* follow faith. Many express the idea that baptism is ‘the external sign of an inward reality’ and that therefore, baptism can only be rightly administered *after* someone has professed faith in Jesus. It is most certainly true that for many the act of baptism comes after faith. However, to limit baptism to only after conversion neglects the fuller Biblical context of *the covenant*.

What Baptism Is

Baptism is a sign of the covenant of grace. That is, baptism points us to something bigger, richer, fuller than itself – and not to something inside of us (*our faith*), but external to us (*God’s promise*). In that way, baptism points us to Jesus and all that we have in him and so is primarily about what God is saying, not what we are doing.

The Old Testament sign of the covenant was circumcision and it was applied to all the males in a Jewish household. For those already within the covenant community, this was done at birth. But anytime a family came into the covenant community, *all* the males were circumcised, regardless of their age. As the covenant progresses, expanding and deepening, so too the sign of the covenant expands and deepens. With fulfillment in Christ, it is no longer just to Jewish males that the sign is applied, but to all who enter the covenant family – males and females, Jews and Gentiles – and at whatever age they enter. Baptism, as the covenant sign, signifies entrance into the covenant family and is applied, therefore, whenever someone enters the family, either as a child or after a later-in-life conversion experience. We believe therefore, that baptism, rightly administered, need only be applied once, for its effectiveness is in the promise of God.

For further study on the topics of Covenant & Baptism, please see the bookshelf in the foyer.

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
- 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

SUPPORTED MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center – *oprcfriends.com*, 910.938.7000

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RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (our denominational campus ministry)

MTW – Mission To the World (our denominational missions arm)

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