



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

November 28, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent

Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore she became filthy;

all who honored her despise her,

for they have seen her nakedness;

she herself groans and turns her face away.

All her people groan as they search for bread;

they trade their treasures for food to revive their strength.

“Look, O LORD, and see, for I am despised.”

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

which was brought upon me, which the LORD inflicted

on the day of his fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;

for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit;

my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

(from Lamentations 1)

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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)

REMINDERS

Talent Show – NEXT SUNDAY

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, this Thursday evening, 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.

Offerings

In addition to passing the plate during the worship service, there is 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.

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Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

from The Book of Common Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 31.1-5

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

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

For you are our rock and our fortress; and for your name's sake you lead us and guide us; you take us out of the net they have hidden for us, for you are our refuge.

Into your hand we commit our spirit; you have redeemed us, O LORD, faithful God.

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 1

*Let us respond to the prophet's lament
with a season of prayerful reflection ...*

Beloved, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. In order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

from 1 Peter 3 & 4

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.

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

The Pastoral Prayer

Doug Zimbelman, *elder*

The Offering

The Preaching of God's Word

"what are they for so many?"

BELIEVE & LIVE

Grant Beachy, *pastor*

John 6.1-21

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

Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

*Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
& Stuart Townend, 2007*

The Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

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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
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