



# HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*a liturgy for corporate worship*

December 5, 2021

## *The Second Sunday of Advent*

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*The LORD determined to lay in ruins  
the wall of the daughter of Zion;  
he stretched out the measuring line;  
he did not restrain his hand from destroying;  
he caused rampart and wall to lament;  
they languished together.*

*Her gates have sunk into the ground;  
he has ruined and broken her bars;  
her king and princes are among the nations;  
the law is no more, and her prophets find  
no vision from the LORD.*

*What can I say for you, to what compare you,  
O daughter of Jerusalem?*

*What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you,  
O virgin daughter of Zion?*

*For your ruin is vast as the sea;  
who can heal you?*

(from Lamentations 2)

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**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 <sup>st</sup> Sundays)

**REMINDERS**

**Talent Show – TONIGHT**

Harvest's Annual Talent show is scheduled for this evening, beginning at 5. A potluck dinner will follow 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 Respos 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**

**Call to Worship**

I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth.

**I am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.**

I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you."

**I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.**

I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

**I am the LORD, who heals you.**

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt.  
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

*Jer 9.24; Is 43.11; 41.13; 48.17;  
Ex 31.13; 15.26 & Ps 81.10*

**Invocation**

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, understand, learn and inwardly digest them, so that, by patience and comfort from your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of eternal life, which you have given us in our Savior, even the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*from The Book of Common Prayer*

## Old Testament Reading

*Lamentations 2*

## Prayers of Lament

Father, we grieve our sins and their effects. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In so doing, we have dishonored you and harmed others. Holy God, have mercy upon us.

*Silent prayer ...*

Father, we grieve the many manifestations of death in this world: disease, addiction, fractured relationships, broken homes, abuse, division, malnutrition, poverty, injustice, tears, loneliness. Holy God, have mercy upon us.

*Silent prayer ...*

Father, we long for glory, for things to be as you have designed them to be, as you are re-creating them to be. Make us to work diligently and to labor faithfully for the glory of your name and the good of others, even as we wait patiently for the Day. Holy God, have mercy upon us.

*Silent prayer ...*

## Hymn of Petition

O God to Us Show Mercy, no. 437

## Word of Encouragement

*from Isaiah 57*

Thus says the One who is high and lifted up,  
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,  
and also with him  
who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly,  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

For I will not contend forever,  
nor will I always be angry.

I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;  
I will lead him and restore comfort to him  
and his mourners,  
creating the fruit of the lips.

Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,  
says the LORD, and I will heal him.”

## The Pastoral Prayer

Grant Beachy, *pastor*

## The Offering

The Preaching of God’s Word  
*“the bread of life”*

BELIEVE & LIVE  
Grant Beachy, *pastor*

John 6.22-59



## 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.*

**Parting Hymn      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, no. 598**

## 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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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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