

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship December 26, 2021

The crown has fallen from our head;
woe to us, for we have sinned!
But you, O LORD, reign forever;
your throne endures to all generations.
Restore us to yourself, O LORD,
that we may be restored!

(from Lamentations 5)

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

(Micah 5.2)

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

(Luke 2.10-11)

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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 (1st Sundays)

<u>Reminders</u>

Heart To Heart

Please notice and take advantage of the table in the foyer supporting *Heart To Heart Orphans Care*. This ministry serves the many needs of orphans in and around the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. A trip to work with Heart To Heart in Nairobi is being planned for the end of April / beginning of May. Please see Dan Norvell or Eric Winship for more information.

Missions Conference - January 28-30

This year we are privileged to have *Phil & Kay Luther* as our speakers. Sessions will be Friday evening, Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Nursery will be provided for the conference. Stay tuned for RSVP information for both meals & nursery.

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 <u>Resources</u> tab on our website.

Staying Connected

- Confidential elders only email address: *elders@harvestpres.com*. Please utilize this for any questions or concerns or prayer needs you'd like to share with the church leadership.
- 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).

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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55.1 & John 7.37

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.

If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

Invocation Luke 1.68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Advent Hymn Angels from the Realms of Glory, no. 218

Prayers of Petition

Almighty God, who has given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon himself, and as at this time to be born of the virgin: grant that we being made new, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through the same Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent prayers ...

Gracious God, who redeems the souls of your servants: we praise you for the multitude which no one can number, and especially do we thank you for those dear to us who have once shared our Christmas joy, and now rejoice with the saints in light. Keep us evermore in this communion and fellowship, until we also receive the end of our faith, even eternal life.

Silent prayers ...

O God our Father, who sent your Son to be King of kings and Prince of peace: grant that all the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and learn of him the way of peace and unity. Let those who are offended forgive, and those who have offended repent, so that your children may live as one family through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(all prayers adapted from the Book of Common Worship)

Hymns of Praise

Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him. No one else can satisfy; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him. No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.

For the Lord is good and faithful.

He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus;

Jesus strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him. No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me. And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

> CityAlight, 2019 (Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren & Rich Thompson)

As With Gladness Men of Old no. 226

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle-bed, There to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore; So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

(song continues on the next page ...)

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way; And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly city bright need they no created light; Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; There forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

> Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1860 Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1838 Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861

Pastoral Prayer

Tom Phillips, elder

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 "come to me and drink"

BELIEVE & LIVE Grant Beachy, pastor

John 7.37-52 (p893 pew Bible)

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

The Day of the Lord (Psalm 37)

It's not long till the boastful are silenced and shamed. It's not long till the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed. And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord Will shine like the sun forevermore! It's not long till the day of the Lord!

Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land.
Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand.
When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong,
Do not let the dark steal your song.
It's not long till the day of the Lord!

It's not long till the day of the Lord, It's not long till the day of the Lord! Everything that is broken will soon be restored. It's not long till the day of the Lord!

Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war,
For the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.
And our God comes with laughter, let him be your joy.
The power of the sword, he'll destroy.
It's not long till the day of the Lord!

Wendell Kimbrough, 2017

The Benediction

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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