



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

January 9, 2022

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

(Genesis 1.1-5)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

(John 8.12)

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 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.

(2 Corinthians 4.4-6)

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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January 9, 2022
a day of rest

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Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

Call to Worship

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Blessed are the people who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*from Psalms 27.1 & 4; 36.9; 43.3;
56.13; 89.15-16 & 118.27-29*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease!
My Comforter my All in All – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh – fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied -
For all my sin on him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2001

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Words: Reginald Heber, d. 1826

Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

Call to Confession

Ephesians 5.8-17

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

*In silent prayer, let us confess our sins to God, entrusting ourselves
to his mercy and grace through Jesus our Savior ...*

Assurance of Grace

Colossians 1.11-14 & Ephesians 5.8

Beloved in Christ, be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Covenant Baptism

Vincent, Bennett & Azalea Taylor

Vows for the Parents:

1. *Do you acknowledge your children'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 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?

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

*Text: 2nd cent.; translated
Tune: Henry Greatorex, 1851*

The Pastoral Prayer

*Ken Counts,
director of men's discipleship*

The Offering

Hymn of Preparation

The God of Abraham Praise, no. 34

John 8.12-30

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to

them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.” ³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

As Jesus has said, "I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of 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

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with him.

Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer. Though I fall, his love is sure.

For Christ has paid for every failing – I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.

Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.

I know my pain will not be wasted – Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.

One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.

But mine is armour for this battle strong enough to last the war.

And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.

For there my heart has found its treasure – Christ is mine forevermore!

Come rejoice now, O my soul – for his love is my reward!

Fear is gone and hope is sure – Christ is mine forevermore!

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.

For there my heart has found its treasure – Christ is mine forevermore!

CityAlight, 2015 (Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Informational Meeting – January 16

We will have an informational meeting immediately following worship on January 16. Here we will present the church's budget for 2022 and entertain any questions you may have. All are welcome to attend.

Missions Conference – January 28-30

This year we are privileged to have *Phil & Kay Luther* – some of our supporter missionaries – 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.

Upcoming Elder Meetings

The elders of the church (the Session) having a regularly scheduled meeting the second Monday of every month. All are welcome to attend Session meetings, though if sensitive things need to be discussed you would be asked to leave. Our next meeting is set for Monday, January 10 at 6pm. As well, the regional body of PCA churches gathers quarterly and we send representative elders to that meeting of Presbytery. The next meeting of Eastern Carolina Presbytery is set for Saturday, January 22 at Christ the King, Wilmington. With any questions about these meetings or about Presbyterianism more generally, please feel free to ask one of the elders.

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 worship 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.

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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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