



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

a liturgy for corporate worship

January 16, 2022

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Jesus, John 8.31-32

My soul, examine thyself this morning by the light of the text. Thou hast received the word with joy; thy feelings have been stirred and a lively impression has been made; but, remember, that to receive the word in the ear is one thing, and to receive Jesus into thy very soul is quite another; superficial feeling is often joined to inward hardness of heart, and a lively impression of the word is not always a lasting one.

Have I been making a fair show in the flesh without having a corresponding inner life? Am I rooted in sincere fidelity and love to Jesus? If my heart remains unsoftened and unfertilized by grace, the good seed may germinate for a season, but it must ultimately wither, for it cannot flourish on a rocky, unbroken, unsanctified heart.

Charles Spurgeon,
Morning & Evening, Jan. 11

It is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

The Apostle Paul,
Galatians 3.7 & Romans 9.8

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 16, 2022
a day of rest

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Welcome & Announcements

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Gathering for Worship

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health; out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm; out of life's storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love; out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold; into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

Words: William Sleeper, d. 1920

Music: Greg Thompson, 2000

Call to Worship

Isaiah 51, Romans 4 & Galatians 3

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

And Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

It is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse. Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Invocation

Matthew 6.9-13

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.

Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

And Can It Be?

No. 455

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1738
Music: Thomas Campbell, 1825*

Father, Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and his covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise his name.

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God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that his only Son he gave.

Loving Father now before thee we will ever praise thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

*Words: Chinese Hymn
Trans. by Francis Johnson,
Music: Andrew Osenga, 2005*

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

** 'catholic' here means 'universal'*

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sam Kennedy
RUF Campus Minister, UNCW

The Offering

Preparation for the Word

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail – let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us –
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2005

The Preaching of God's Word

"who's your daddy?"

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: BELIEVE & LIVE
Grant Beachy, *pastor*

John 8.31-59
(p894 *pew Bible*)

The Covenant Meal

Rev. Chuck Askew
RUF Campus Minister, NC State

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.

On the following page, you will find a number of prayers that may help guide your heart's reflection and meditation during our celebration of the Lord's Supper ...

Searching for Truth ...

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might not be discouraged by the cost of following you, but drawn to you by a sight of your loving sacrifice for me. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Help me to be honest in my search, and give me an understanding of you that fits together and leads to life.

Ready to believe Christ ...

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I dare admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I can hope or imagine. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me your complete righteousness. Knowing that you have been raised as Victor over sin, I turn from my sins and receive your grace in my life. Help me to rest in you.

Struggling with sin ...

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the True and Living Bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race before me, looking only unto you, the Author and Perfecter of my faith, one day, one hour, at a time.

Non-communing members *(those not yet prepared to take the Supper)*

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as a faithful disciple.

Desiring deeper commitment to the Church ...

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. You have called me not to exist alone, but to be a vital member of your Body, the church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and to live in the fullness of fellowship with your Spirit.

Rejoicing in God's provision ...

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I am overwhelmed and delighted by your mercies to me: a sure and certain salvation in Jesus, restored relationship with the God of heaven and earth, daily supplies of compassion, kindness, grace and strength – thank you. Further enable me to live in light of your glory and goodness.

The Parting Hymn

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry – he the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry – Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption. See the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry – slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance. How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa & Michael Bleecker, 2012

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 – After Worship Today

We will have an informational meeting immediately following worship. 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.

Introduction to Harvest Seminar – February 12

Curious about Christianity? Perplexed by Presbyterianism? Hankering to know more about Harvest? We'd love for you to join us for our one-day Intro Seminar, Saturday, February 12. Required for membership but open to all who are interested in learning more. Contact Grant to sign up or with questions.

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, February 7 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

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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