



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

gathered for corporate worship

December 25, 2022

HARVEST
Presbyterian Church
PCA



The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

~ Jesus (Luke 10.2)

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

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Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

Matthew 1:23

“ ‘ Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
And his name shall be called Emmanuel ...God with us.”

Let us pray,

**“Father,
All wise from everlasting.
We bless you for your word.**

**The Word which was from the beginning,
The Word which has always been with you,
The Word which shares your divinity.
The Word made flesh, dwelling among us.**

**Grant that we might behold Him in your glory,
That in that Word we might hear you.
That in that Word we might speak to you.
That in that Word we might meet you.**

**To the name of Christ, your incarnate Word,
Be all glory.
As to you, O Father,
And the Holy Spirit be all praise. “**

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:26-28

He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

**And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.**

My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

Songs of Praise

Hark the Herald Angels Sing, no, 203

Angels We Have Heard on High, no, 214

O Come All Ye Faithful, no. 208

Heidelberg Catechism

Q 35. What is the meaning of these words "He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary"?

A35: That God's eternal Son, who is, and continues true and eternal God, took upon him the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Ghost; that he might also be the true seed of David, like unto his brethren in all things, sin excepted.

Q 36. What profit dost thou receive by Christ's holy conception and nativity?

A36: That he is our Mediator; and with His innocence and perfect holiness, covers in the sight of God, my sins, wherein I was conceived and brought forth.

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:2-6

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Pastoral Prayer

Doug Zimbelman, elder

Offering

(In addition to the plates being passed, you can place your offering in the box at the back of the sanctuary or you can give online through the Resources tab on our website.)

Song of Preparation

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night.
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled, when, lo! Above the Earth.
Rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger, our humble Christ was born.
And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.

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The Preaching of God's Word
"The Presence"

Eric Winship, elder

Luke 2:8-38
(p857 pew Bible)

Parting Hymn

Joy to the World!

no. 195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and
heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words; Isacc Watts, 1719

Music; George Frederick Handel, 1742

Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

*Beloved, the LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace,
now and forevermore, through Jesus, our King and our Savior.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Schedule

Please note our *Service of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve*, beginning at 5pm with a potluck meal to follow. This year the service will be held by candlelight . Please arrive no later than 4:45 so that you may get your food dropped off and enter the sanctuary to enjoy the musical prelude. Also note that there will be *no Sunday School* the last Sunday in December.

Adult Sunday School Class

Mike Carter and Brent Cochran will be co-teaching Sunday School using R.C. Sproul's book "Everyone's a Theologian - an Introduction to Systematic Theology". You are encouraged to purchase this book so you can better benefit from this class.

2023 Heart to Heart Ministry Trip to Kenya

Heart to Heart will be returning to Kenya for a mission's trip in the New Year. Departure will be on Thursday, April 27 and returning to US on Monday, May 8th. If you are interested in joining this Missions trip please contact Dan or Melanie at dan.norvell@mail.peraton.com or Eric Winship at eric@isanswers.net.

Prayer for our Leadership

Please pray for wisdom for the deacons and elders as they prepare the 2023 Harvest budget. Since COVID we have been significantly under budget. The 2023 budget will reflect this reality calling for difficult decisions for supported ministries and missions.

Pulpit Committee

Pray for the committee as each member spends time reviewing ministerial data forms, resumes, and listens to sermons of assigned potential candidates through the week. Pray the Lord would lead us to the man he has chosen, and that the Lord is now preparing that man's heart to come.

Pastor Recommendation Form

If you have someone you want to make the Pulpit Committee aware of as a prospect, please fill out a Pastor Recommendation Form and give it to any member of the Committee. They are located on the round table near the main entrance.

Pulpit Committee Email

In order to make communication easy, efficient, and effective the Pulpit Committee may be reached at: (*pulpit.cmtc@harvestpres.com*)

Prayer Ministry

We look forward to praying for each other throughout the week. To that end If you have any praises or prayer requests, please email them to prayer@harvestpres.com; your request will be sent to the elders and Amy Cochran, who will add your request to the prayer list. The list will be emailed on Sunday afternoons to the church.

Printed copies will be available on Sunday mornings.

Staying Connected

- Please feel free to make any need or prayer request known to the church leadership through the email address elders@harvestpres.com. That is a confidential email that only the elders see. We would welcome you to make use of it.
- *Email Distro List* – if you're interested in receiving email announcements and reminders, please send Micah an email and ask to be added to the official Harvest distro list (mroush@live.com).
- *Directory* – In order to foster relationships among us as a church family, we encourage you to make use of the app 'Instant Church Directory.' Jim Turner is point of contact for the app if you have any questions.

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worship, nurture & service

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:30
Fellowship	10:15
Worship	10:45
Family Dinner	5pm (<i>1st Sundays</i>)
Evening Worship	5pm

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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 MISSIONS

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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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