



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

gathered for corporate worship

December 03, 2023

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 03, 2023
a day of worship & rest

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Welcome & Announcements

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Call to Worship

Psalm 105

Rev. Jason Petterson

O Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Praise the LORD!

Songs of Praise

Come Thou Almighty King, no. 101

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, no. 196

Invocation

Psalm 121:1; 124:8

I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Prayer of Adoration

God's Greeting

Revelation 1:4-5[mod.]

Call to Confession of Sin

Matthew 1:18-21

Song of Preparation

Trisagion

Ho - ly - God. Ho - ly and might - y

Ho - ly im - mor-tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father, our sins are great and many. Have mercy on us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who saves us from all of our sins.

Silent confession of sin

Declaration of Pardon

Matthew 1:21-23

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

*Praise the Lord: His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

Matt Boswell & Matt Papa, 2016

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

no. 194

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

*Words: Latin Hymn, 12th cent.
Trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
Music: Plainsong, 13th cent.
Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856*

Pastoral Prayer

Tom Phillips, elder

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

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.)

The Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Jason Petterson

"The Perseverance of the Saints "

Phillippians 3:10ff

(p981 pew Bible)

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (4th cent.)

Rev. Jason Petterson

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'*

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.

Great is the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The elements of bread and wine are simple and yet by God's power 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 his love is for them.

Receiving the Elements

Those receiving communion will please come forward when prepared to do so.

Please note: the common cups and the outer rings of the trays are wine.

Parting Song

O Church Arise

O church arise and put your armour on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.

For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;

An army bold – whose battle cry is Love – reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war: to love the captive soul but to rage against the captor.

And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour.

When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure.

And Christ will have the prize for which he died – an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken.
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet; for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2005

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen

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,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday Family Dinner & Advent Singing | TONIGHT 5 pm

Come and join us this evening in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly potluck and fellowship meal. These potluck family dinners are a great way to get to know new folks and connect with old friends. At the conclusion of our meal Brian will lead us in the singing of some Advent songs which will be followed by a brief homily from Pastor Jason.

Teen Theology & Pizza Night - Friday, December 8th 6pm

Harvest Teens are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of pizza & theology. Once a month leading up towards the summer, Pastor Jason will be teaching and leading a lively discussion on "The Good Life" from a Christian perspective. We will compare and contrast the teachings of Holy Scripture with various worldviews and assumptions about goodness, truth, and beauty. Special attention will be given throughout to the concepts of human happiness and human flourishing.

Please RSVP for 12/8 by signing up after the service

12/08 - Worldviews: Christianity and Others

HOGGS

Mark your calendar for the next HOGG'S gathering. **Saturday, December 9th** at five o'clock at the church fellowship hall.

What: Hoggs Christmas Shrimp Dinner

Where: Harvest Church Fellowship Hall

When: December 9, Saturday, 5:00 o'clock

Menu: Boiled shrimp (YOU SHUCK), baked beans, cole slaw, corn on the cob, corn bread

Dessert and Ice tea.

We will have chili for folks that do not like shrimp or may be allergic to shellfish.

We will have gluten free cornbread as well as dessert. We would like to do a

Christmas exchange for those that want to participate. Bring a \$10.00 gift for the

exchange. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we will have enough shrimp. Let

us know if you will be participating in the Christmas exchange. Please contact Mary at 2525216225 to RSVP.

Harvest Women's Ministry

- Ladies' Christmas Party - Save the Date

On **Friday, December 15**, we will hold our annual Christmas Dinner Party and gift exchange. This year we will fill a pair of Christmas socks with gifts to exchange and will have a separate gift exchange for our younger girls 10 and under. More details to follow... Please RSVP to Sarah Taylor by call or text at 330-907-8207.

If you are willing to help with the Christmas Party with set-up, clean-up, decorations, games, etc., please contact Sarah Taylor.

- Please fill out a Pink Sheet (on the bulletin table) and give it to Denny Phillips in order to receive email communications regarding Women's Ministry events and opportunities.
- Join the private Facebook group, "Harvest PCA Women's Group (Jacksonville, NC)" for informal communication among members in the group (e.g. if you need a babysitter, have something to sell/buy/give away, or need someone to switch nursery duty with you).

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 the elders an email and ask to be added to the official Harvest distro list (elders@harvestpres.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.'

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 – May 19

Sunday School	9:30
Fellowship	10:15
Worship	10:45
Family Dinner	5pm (1 st Sundays)

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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

Jonathan & Beka Hastings – MTW Atlanta (*untilallshallhear@swissmail.org*)
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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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