



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

gathered for corporate worship

December 17, 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 17, 2023
a day of worship & rest

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**Welcome & Announcements**

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**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 29:1-2*

Tom Phillips, elder

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
**Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength,**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name  
**Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

**Songs of Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy

no.100

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.

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**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**

*1 Corinthians 10:12-14*

**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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**Silent Prayer and Song of Confession**

**Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted, no.257**

**Declaration of Pardon**

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

And when I stumble in the dark, his hand shall lead me to the light.  
His death to me his grace imparts. He rose again to give me life.  
The law my flesh could never keep, but my Redeemer bore my guilt.  
He brought me out of misery, that I in him shall surely live;  
That I in him shall surely live.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
To look on him and pardon me.

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One, risen Son of God!***  
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Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One in himself I cannot die my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God!  
With Christ my Savior and my God!

*Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft (1863) & Vicki Cook (1997),  
Stanza 2, Ryan Stone, 2006; Music: Vikki Cook, 1997*

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent**, no. 193

**Covenant Membership**

*Noah and Tori Kurtz , David and Diana Rice ,Erica, Aeryn, Clair and Emma Hood*

*Bill and Chris Fitzpatrick, Jack and Paula Clutter, Hazel Eatman, Leslie Kern, Rick Kern*

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope, except in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise – in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit – that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in her worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study her purity and peace?

For All the Saints

no. 358

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearls streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Words: William Walsham How, 1875  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Jason Petterson

**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

*"Our Heavenly Citizenship "*

**Isaiah 9:1-7**  
*(p573 pew Bible)*

### He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight – Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in his holy sight – he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last.  
Bought by him at such a cost – he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died – Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied – he will hold me fast.  
Raised with him to endless life – he will hold me fast.  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

*Ada Ruth Habershon, 1918 & Matthew Merker, 2013*

### Confession of Faith

### *The Apostles' Creed*

Tom Phillips, elder

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*\* 'catholic' here means universal*



## Gloria Patri

no. 735

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.

## 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

### 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

### **Holiday Schedule**

Please note our *Service of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve*, beginning at 5pm with a potluck meal to follow. 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, on **12/24** and the last Sunday in December **12/31**.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **HOGGS**

Mark your calendar for the next HOGG'S gathering. **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** at five o'clock at the church fellowship hall. Details coming soon.

### **Staying Connected**

- Please feel free to make any need or prayer request known to the church leadership through the email address [elders@harvestpres.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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*worship, nurture & service*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Sept. 10 – May 19**

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|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday School | 9:30                          |
| Fellowship    | 10:15                         |
| Worship       | 10:45                         |
| Family Dinner | 5pm (1 <sup>st</sup> 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

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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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