



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

gathered for corporate worship

December 23, 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 23, 2023
a day of worship & rest

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**Welcome & Announcements**

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**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 107:1-9*

Rev. Jason Petterson

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

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the  
north  
and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and  
thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

**He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. Let them  
thank**

**the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of  
man!**

For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

**Praise the LORD!**

**Songs of Praise**

**Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, 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 mystery, he the perfect Son of Man.

In his living, in his suffering, 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 mystery, 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 mystery, 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 deliverance. How unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

*Matt Boswell, Matt Papa & Michael Bleecker, 2012*

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**no. 203**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King."

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1753*

*Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840*

*Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856*

## 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

*Job 10:14-15; 9:32-35*

## 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

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned

through my own fault. In my thoughts, and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon

**me, a sinner!**

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Declaration of Pardon

*Isaiah 53:10-11*

### Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth, is to feel your need of Him.

Lo! th'incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him, venture wholly; let no other trust intrude.

*Joseph Hart, 1759  
Southern Harmony, 1835*

## New Testament Advent Reading

*Matthew 2:1-18*

**Thou Who Was Rich Beyond All Splendor, no. 230**

## **Baptism**

Liam Coulter Strain, & Willow Calla Kay Taylor

*Vows for the Parents:*

1. Do you acknowledge your child'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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*Vow for the Congregation:*

Do you as a congregation receive Liam Strain and Willow Taylor as an infant members of this church, and promise to surround them with Christian love, to pray for them, and to set an example before these of genuine Christian faith and virtue, that they might know rich fellowship in the kingdom of God and the reality of personal salvation through Christ?

**Shine Thou, Upon Us, Lord no. 411**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Doug Zimbelman, 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.)*

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**Isaiah 9:1-7**

*(p573 pew Bible)*

**All Glory Be To Christ**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life;  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

***All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!***

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above;  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet , all glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I am, the faithful and the true;  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light;  
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

*Words and Music: Dustin Kensrue*

**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'*

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**

**What Wondrous Love Is This**, no. 261

#### **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 join us tonight, for 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, Sunday 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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