

March 1, 2015
A Service of Worship

Harvest Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Church in America



*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.*

~ Luke 10.2 ~

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A Day of Rest

Welcome and Announcements

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Reflection

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God."

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

~ excerpts from Revelation 21 & 22

Call to Worship

Revelation 22.17 & 20

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Beloved, let us worship the Lord.

Come, Thou Almighty King

no. 101

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!

*Words: Anonymous, ca. 1757
Music: Felice de Gardini, 1769*

The God of Abraham Praise

no. 34

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn; I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold his face; I shall his pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

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The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers, 1770

Music: Jewish Melody

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36.22-29

Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.

Healed by Grace

Our Father, in heaven, we confess together our great need of cleansing: our minds, our hearts, our bodies, our affections, our desires, all have been tainted with sin and corruption. In ourselves we are completely unworthy of your love and kindness; we deserve, instead, your punishing wrath, your eternal curse. By nature our hearts are opposed to you, our minds at war with you, our actions are treason and perversity. Hear us now, as we confess our particular perversions to you, the specific ways we have warred against you ...

IN SILENT PRAYER, LET US CONFESS TO GOD
OUR NEED OF HIS HEALING ...

I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

~ Ezekiel 36.26-7

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

~ from Psalms 103.8-12

How Firm A Foundation

no. 94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when the white hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

*Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787
Music: Traditional American Melody*

Pastoral Prayer

Doug Zimbelman, elder

Offering

Luke 5.31-39

³¹Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

³³And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink." ³⁴And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." ³⁶He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. ³⁷And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Preparing for the Supper

Behold The Lamb (The Communion Hymn)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Keith Getty, Krysten Getty & Stuart Townend, 2007

The Covenant Meal

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. Wherever you are spiritually today, may this celebration bring greater insight into your personal need for Jesus and his abundant supply for you.

Parting Hymn

The Sands of Time are Sinking

The sands of time are sinking. The dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair, sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark has been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The king there in his beauty without a veil is seen.
It were a well-spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between.
The Lamb with his fair army does on Mount Zion stand.
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, he is the fountain; the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted – more deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean's fullness his mercy does expand
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment but her dear bride-groom's face.
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace;
Not at the crown he giveth but on his pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into his house of wine.
I stand upon his merit – I know no other stand.
Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

*Words: Anne Cousin, 1906
(based on words by Samuel Rutherford),
Music: Phillip Palmertree, 2001*

The Benediction

Numbers 6.24-6

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

Announcements

Baby Shower, Cathy Horn – March 10th

Please join us in celebrating the upcoming birth of Cathy and Jordan's first baby. The shower will be on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Alison Sheldon, 3158 Bevin St., Camp LeJeune. Finger foods will be provided. Please contact Alison for more info at 609.412.7642 or email at (*sheldon.ab@hotmail.com*).

Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Sam McManus

Darren & Maggie Duke (Rebekah, Joshua, Caleb, Sara, Nathan, Samuel & Helen)

John & Linda Carter (Ryan, Hannah, Sarah & Drew)

Zach & Amy Millsaps (William & Brinley)

Luke & Chaia Pernotto

Kelly & Matt Sterling

Josh & Jessica Messinger (July & Jade)

Taylor Beaudette

Communion Volunteers

There are many ways to get involved and to serve at Harvest. One way is for you and your family to become a part of our communion setup rotation. We ask that each individual assisting be over the age of 13 and agree to serve for a one month period for Sunday setups. If you are interested please contact Micah Roush at (*mrroush1@live.com*).

Church Emails

There are several Harvest email lists you may be interested in. To receive direct emails from the church leadership about life in the church, announcements, important event reminders, please send an email to Grant and ask to be included (*gmbeachy@gmail.com*). There also is a google group email list for things like giving away a washer or needing a ride to the airport. Please email Jordan Flexman (*jordanflexman@gmail.com*) to be added to this list.

Ministry Reminders

Nursery Schedule

Mar 1st Sunday School: M. Norvell & D. Zimbelman

Worship: C. Steenson, C. Duke, M. Norvell & D. Roush

Mar 8th Sunday School: A. Camp & G. Haagenson

Worship: H. Funni, S. Duke, J. Pross & M. Pross

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please arrange your own replacement and inform Melanie Norvell (910.265.2697) of any changes. Thank You!

Duty Deacon: Dan Norvell

Communion Setup: Jeremiah and Leslee Davis

Please help us by finding a replacement if you cannot serve as scheduled.

Ministry Contacts

Elders:

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Music Director:

Brian Liedstrand, 910.354.4767

Small Groups Contact:

Tom Phillips, 910.340.2772

Women's Ministry Team Leader:

Cynthia Steenson, 910.330.5215

Mission's Team Leader:

Ezra Akin, 314.882.9460

Ministries Schedule

Sunday Morning

Sunday School 9:30

Fellowship 10:15

Corporate Worship 10:45

Small Groups

Meet Sunday or Wednesday evening at various locations in town or on Lejeune. A list of groups is on the table in the lobby or online.

Women's Studies (childcare provided)

Monday, 9:30

(Julie Flexman, 731.437.9490)

Thursday, 9:30

(Janel Tolar, 910.554.1382)

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Meeting Location:

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1001 Piney Green Road

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Purpose Statement

Harvest Presbyterian Church exists by the providence and grace of God for the purpose of developing and equipping God's people for their calling to glorify and enjoy God in all of life through:

- *Emphasizing biblical truth through preaching and teaching ministries;*
- *Nurturing believers of all ages to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ, rooted in Scripture, zealous in prayer, holy in character, and committed to one another;*
- *Making known the good news of Jesus Christ through words of hope and deeds of mercy in Onslow County and to all nations.*

Our Supported Ministries & Missions

Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center

oprcfriends.com | 910.938.7000 | 411-C Western Blvd

Chuck & Lauren Askew – RUF NC State (*caskew@ruf.org*)

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RUF – Reformed University Fellowship, our denominational campus ministry

MTW – Mission To the World, our denominational international missions arm