

March 8, 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

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”

~ Jesus (Matthew 23.23)

The Christian life is built upon the foundation of facing who you really are and trusting who Christ truly is. Everything you do will be shaped by the degree to which you act on the blessings that are yours in Christ.

If you only look at yourself and carry around a load of guilt, you will hide, excuse, blame, rationalize, and cover up your shame rather than enjoy the freedom of confession and the joy of forgiveness. You will not enjoy the lasting fruit that comes from following the wisdom that is already yours in Christ! Instead, you will reduce the Christian life to a simplistic list of rules and behaviors that never touch the real problems, and you will be blind to the gaps in your relationships to Christ.

*~ Timothy Lane & Paul David Tripp,
How People Change*

Call to Worship

from Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O LORD!

Beloved, let us worship the LORD.

Songs of Praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's Name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mt. Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with his blood. He has washed us with his blood.
He has washed us with his blood. He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes!
He has washed us with his blood. He has washed us with his blood.
He has washed us with his blood. He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation, holds in view the Conqu'ror's crown!
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God!

Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store.
When, through grace, our trust in Christ is justice smiles, and asks no more.
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God!

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us – now their praises fill the sky!
You have washed us with your blood. You have washed us with your blood.
You have washed us with your blood. You are worthy Lamb of God!

Words: John Newton, 1779

Music: Laura Taylor, 2001

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

no. 92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

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Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

*Words and Music: Martin Luther, 1529
Translated by Frederick Hedge, 1853*

Prayer of Praise

Call to Repentance

Deuteronomy 5.12-15 (with Exodus 20.11)

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health; out of my wanting and into thy wealth;
Out of my sin and into thyself; Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm; out of life's storms and into thy calm;
Out of distress into jubilant psalm; Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love; out of despair into raptures above;
Upward forever on wings like a dove; Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold; unto the peace of thy sheltering fold;
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

Words: William Sleeper, d. 1920

Music: Greg Thompson, 2000

IN SILENT PRAYER, LET US EACH GO TO JESUS IN FAITH

Assurance of Grace

Matthew 5.17-18 & 20 & 2 Corinthians 5.17 & 21

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

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!

*Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1997
Stanza 2, Ryan Stone, 2006*

Pastoral Prayer

Tom Phillips, elder

Offering

Luke 6.1-11

¹On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" ³And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" ⁵And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁶On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. ⁸But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. ⁹And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Pass Me Not

Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry.
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Let me at the throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit; save me by thy grace.

Thou, the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?

*Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1868
Music: W. Howard Doane, 1870*

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

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!

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 **THIS 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 *sheldon.ab@hotmail.com*.

Prayer Breakfasts

This Saturday, March 14th, the men will meet for the monthly men's prayer breakfast at 7:00 am at the home of Phillip Rice, 110 Balsam Rd. If you have any questions please call Phillip at 540.216.6577 or *phillip.k.rice@gmail.com*. If you are interested in hosting, contact Doug Zimbelman at 910.554.2049. The women of the church are welcome to gather at the Cracker Barrel on Western at 7:30 for a time of fellowship together.

Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Sam McManus

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

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

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 (*mroush1@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 8th Sunday School: A. Camp & G. Haagenson

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

Mar 15th Sunday School: D. Hicks & A. Hicks

Worship: G. Counts , C. Duke, D. Dewart & C. Milne

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

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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)

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Meeting Location:

White Oak High School
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*)

Simon & Katie Stokes – RUF UNC Chapel Hill (*simon.stokes@ruf.org*)

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RUF – Reformed University Fellowship, our denominational campus ministry

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