

March 15, 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

All through history God has chosen and used nobodies, because their unusual dependence upon him made possible the unique display of his power and grace. He chose and used somebodies only when they renounced dependence on their natural abilities and resources.

~ Oswald Chambers

It is the folly of carnal worldlings, that they make the things of this world their consolation, which were intended only for their convenience. ... Men regard the diseases of the body as greater evils than those of their souls; but the scripture teaches us differently. If we could obtain the most perfect health, and the longest life that fallen man ever possessed, yet without deliverance from the guilt and pollution of sin, by the power of Christ's blood, and the virtue that proceeds from him, we must be miserable to all eternity. Alas, how few apply to Christ for this inestimable benefit!

~ Matthew Henry & Thomas Scott

Earthly treasure always turns out to be a bad investment. It is much better for us to recognize our true spiritual poverty and put all our stock in the kingdom of God.

~ Phil Ryken

God's people will prize what the world calls pitiable, and suspect what the world thinks desirable.

~ Michael Wilcock

I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

~ Jesus Christ

You, who were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Christ Jesus has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Therefore, beloved in Christ, let us worship the LORD.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease!
My Comforter my All in All – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh – fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied -
For all my sin on him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay; light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2001
Words: John Newton, 1779
Music: Laura Taylor, 2001

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. We know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we by his poverty might become rich.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—

By grace you have been saved—

And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

no. 252

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1709
Music: Gregorian Chant
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824*

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Fear not, for I am with you."

Be Still, My Soul

no. 689

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

Trans. by Jane L. Borthwick, 1855

Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899

Offering

The Preaching of God's Word

"Kingdom Character(istic)s"

LUKE: TO SEEK & TO SAVE THE LOST

Grant Beachy, pastor

Luke 6.12-26

¹²In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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.

For those searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might not be discouraged by the cost of following you, but drawn to you by the extent of your loving sacrifice for me. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Help me to be honest in my search, and give me an understanding of you that fits together and leads to life.

For those ready to believe Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever hoped or imagined. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me your complete righteousness. Knowing that you have been raised as Victor over sin, I turn from my sins and receive your grace in my life. Help me to rest in you.

For those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the True and Living Bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race before me, looking only unto you, the Author and Perfecter of my faith, one day, one hour, at a time.

For non-communing members *(those not yet prepared to take the Supper)*

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as a faithful disciple.

For those desiring deeper commitment to the Church

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. You have called me not to exist alone, but to be a vital member of your Body, the church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and to live in the fullness of fellowship with your Spirit.

For those rejoicing in God's provision

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I am overwhelmed and delighted by your mercies to me: a sure and certain salvation in Jesus, restored relationship with the God of heaven and earth, daily supplies of compassion, kindness, grace and strength – thank you. Further enable me to live in light of your glory and goodness.

Parting Hymn

All to Jesus I Surrender

no. 562

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
may I ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

*I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine;
may thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy pow'r divine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me.

Words: Judson W. VanDeVenter, 1896

Music: Winfield S. Weeden, 1896

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

OPRC-5K & Walk 4-Life – March 21st

The OPRC will host this year's "Run baby Run"- 5k & Walk 4-Life on Saturday, March 21. The check in will be held at the Jacksonville Commons Park at 100 Recreation Lane starting at 7:00am. The event starts at 8:00am and ends at 11:00am. For more info please see brochures on foyer table or contact Jennifer Henry at jennifer@oprfriends.com. The OPRC is one of our supported ministries and this event is always a fun family time.

Introduction to Harvest Seminar

The next Intro to Harvest Seminar will be held Saturday, March 28, from 8:30am to 3pm. This one day seminar is a helpful introduction to Harvest specifically, but also to Presbyterianism and Christianity in general. If you are interested in joining Harvest, this class is required. To sign up or with any questions, please contact Grant at gmbeachy@gmail.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)

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

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

Mar 22nd Sunday School: E. Withers & R. Withers

Worship: L. Mann, P. Mann, P. Parmly & C. Smith

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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Ron Vick	910.581.0533
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Micah Roush, 910.478.5655

Nursery Coordinator:

Melanie Norvell, 910.265.2697

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

(Virginia Zasadny, 202.674.9912)

Thursday, 9:30

(Janel Tolar, 910.554.1382)

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Meeting Location:

White Oak High School
1001 Piney Green Road

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Jacksonville, NC 28546

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