



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

gathered for corporate worship

December 7, 2025

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 7, 2025
a day of worship & rest

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**Welcome & Announcements**

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Rev. Jason Petterson

**OUR HOLY GOD CALLS US**

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 107*

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!**

**Song of Praise**

**As With Gladness Men Of Old, no. 226**

**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**

*1 Corinthians 1:2-3[adapted]*

# OUR MERCIFUL GOD CLEANSSES US

Call to Confession of Sin

*Romans 3:23*

Doug Zimbelman, elder

## 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!

*silently, in prayer, before the Lord*

Declaration of Pardon

*Matthew 1:21*

## **Song of Response**

### **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son, to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away;  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished!

Behold the Son upon the cross, God's wrath upon his shoulders;  
Behold his grace, his covenant, restoring wretched sinners.  
It was his love that held him there, his Father's will achieving,  
But now, he sits enthroned on high; for me he's interceding.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection!  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom!

*Stuart Townend, 1995*  
*Stanza 3: Ryan Stone, 2006*

## **OUR GRACIOUS GOD CONSECRATES US**

**New Testament Reading**

***Luke 1:39-56***

**Rev. Jason Petterson**

**Song Of Praise**

**Now We Thank Thee All Our God, no.98**

**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**

*As the offering is received, we invite you to respond in worship—giving joyfully to the Lord by placing your offering in the plate, in the box at the back of the sanctuary, through secure online giving via our website or by using the QR code found on the back of the liturgy.*

*May our generosity reflect God's grace!*

**The Preaching of God's Word**

Rev. Jason Petterson

*"The Lord's Patience & The Christian's Peace"*

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

## Song Of Response

### Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing Hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal*

*O sing Hallelujah! Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

2018 Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa

# OUR LOVING GOD COMMUNES WITH US

**Confession of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Doug Zimbelman, 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.

# The Mystery Of The Faith

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts up to the Lord!**

Great is the mystery of the faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!** (*see 1 Cor 11:26*)

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry Ho san

na ho san - na in the high - est

ho san - na ho san - na in the

high - est ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and

might heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry.

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## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Rev. Jason Petterson

*In Holy Communion, the sacramental elements of bread and wine are simple, and yet by the Lord's power, together they are Gospel signs and seals of God's covenant love and grace toward believers—as Jesus truly gives himself and his grace to the faithful! If you have never been baptized, or if you are not a Christian, please abstain from taking Communion. If you'd like to take Communion, or to be Baptized, speak with Pastor Jason, or one of the Elders. We would be happy to assist you in taking steps toward Baptism, or your first Communion.*

### ***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.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

***Philippians 4:21***

## **Parting Song**

**Doxology**

**no. 731**

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

## **OUR FAITHFUL GOD COMMISSIONS US**

### **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.*

## HPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Connecting at HPC**

If you are a new or recent visitor to Harvest Presbyterian Church, please email Elder Tom at [tsphillips1977@gmail.com](mailto:tsphillips1977@gmail.com) so that we may add you to the HPC email list to keep you in the loop with the latest church news.

### **First Sunday Fellowship Meal**

We will continue with our monthly fellowship meal immediately following the worship Service. These potlucks are a great way to get to know new folks and connect with old friends.

### **Advent Sermon Series: "The King Is Coming"**

This Advent, we'll be entering a four-week sermon series focusing on Christ's Second Coming—looking not back to Bethlehem only, but forward to Christ's return in glory. Each Sunday we'll trace a different "movement" of our hope-filled expectation:

**Hope The King Will Come.**

**Peace – The Judge is at the Door.**

**Joy – The Bridegroom Will Not Delay Forever.**

**Love – The New Creation is Near.**

Since Advent is a natural time to reflect on life, eternity, and the promise of Christ's return—and many are more open to visiting a worship service than they might be at other times of the year, we encourage you to use this season as an opportunity to invite a neighbor, co-worker, friend, or family member who needs to hear about Jesus.

### **Dinners With Augustine (Teen Reading & Discussion Group) - Friday, 12/12 at 6pm**

The topic will be The World with attention to our Christian identity as pilgrims with a dual citizenship, both heavenly and earthly. We are reading portions from *The City of God* about two loves, two cities, and our one lasting hope.

Please RSVP to the Church Email and read: Book 14 Chapter 28; Book 19 Chapters 11-19

### **Holiday Schedule - Lessons & Carols 12/24 at 5pm Potluck to Follow**

Please note our Service of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve, beginning at 5pm with a potluck meal to follow. Please arrive no later than 4:45pm so that you may get your food dropped off and enter the sanctuary to enjoy the musical prelude.

**No Sunday School on 12/21 & 12/28.**

### **Save The Date- Dayspring Team Reservation- July 25-Aug 1, 2026**

We will travel to Fairmont WV to participate in serving and working.

# HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*a church where God's people gather, grow,  
give and go for the glory of God*

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| Sunday School  | 9:30                                            |
| Fellowship     | 10:15                                           |
| Worship        | 10:45                                           |
| Church Potluck | After worship ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sundays</i> ) |

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**HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## MISSION STATEMENT

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EXISTS TO GLORIFY GOD THROUGH FAITHFUL WORSHIP AND EQUIP DISCIPLES OF JESUS TO LIVE LIVES OF HUMBLE SERVICE AND LOVE IN THE CHURCH, THE WORLD AND THEIR HOMES.

## SUPPORTED MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

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