



HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

gathered for corporate worship

December 14, 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 14, 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 28:6-9*

Blessed be the LORD!

**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

**The LORD is my strength and my shield**

In him my heart trusts and I am helped;

**My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

The Lord is the strength of his people, he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!**

**Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

**Song of Praise**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, no. 196**

**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**

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

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

## **Song of Response**

### **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 every 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!

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## **OUR GRACIOUS GOD CONSECRATES US**

**New Testament Reading**

*Luke 1:57-80*

Rev. Jason Petterson

## Song Of Praise

### Song of Zachariah

Blest be God, the Lord of Israel; he has come to set us free!  
And a horn of full salvation he has raised from David's seed.  
God has visited his people to redeem them as foretold  
In the promise he had spokenthro' his prophets from of old.

God has come in might to save us from the hatred of our foes.  
From their cruel hand he frees us, and his tender mercy shows  
Mercy promised in his cov'nant to our fathers whom he chose.  
He will keep his oath to Abr'am to release us from our woes.

God has sworn to grant deliv'rance and restore us to our place:  
Serving boldly in his presence, just and holy all our days.  
You, my child, will be his Prophet, called and sent by God Most High.  
You must go before the Lord now to prepare his ways aright.

Bring the knowledge of salvation to God's people in their sin.  
Preach that God is tenderhearted, and by him are sins forgiv'n.  
His great mercy, like the sunrise, brightly shines in deepest night,  
Guiding those who sit in darkness to the way of peace and light.

Words and Music; Asahel Nettleton, 182

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jason Petterson

### 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!*

**Matthew 25:1-13**

**Song Of Response**

**We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

*We will feast in the house of Zion.*

*We will sing with our hearts restored.*

*"He has done great things," we will say together.*

*We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the LORD our God.

We are not consumed, by the flood;

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn

My soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;

You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom.

# 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**

***2 Corinthians 13:14***

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.*

## 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.

### **Save The Date- Men's Fellowship Breakfast – Jan 10th**

Come and Learn about our Saturday Morning Ministry while enjoying a nice breakfast and fellowship. All men are welcome. Details to follow soon.

# 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 (1 <sup>st</sup> Sundays) |

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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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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