

The Worship of God



January 3, 2016

Harbor Church exists as a family of God's people to glorify God in all things, by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, equipping His saints, and engaging our community and the world with the love of Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD: Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

CORPORATE CONFESSION:

Confession of Sin: (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all has been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.
(Silent Confession of Sin)

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:21-22

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 22:3-5 (Read Responsively)

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;

In you they trusted and were not put to shame.

“ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE”

Trinity Hymnal #305

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

VISITORS!! We are glad you are here! Please let us know how we can assist you. **Please fill out a blue Welcome Card** located in any seat pocket and place it in the offering plate. **Refreshments** are served after Worship next door in the Fellowship Building. Please stay to enjoy this time with others before joining us for Sunday School.

NURSERY—Loving child care is provided for infants & children **age 6 months to 4 years**. Of course, infants and children are always welcome in the worship service.

Sunday Servants

Welcoming Team
Today, 1/3: *The McMillan's*
Next Sun, 1/10: *The Ware's*

Communion Preparation
The Hawke's
The Larson's

Refreshment Set-up
Today, 1/3: *No Sunday School*
Next Sun, 1/10: *Lindsay Colvard*
(Sunday School Teacher Training/Interest Meeting)

Nursery

Today, 1/3: **Worship Service:** *Makenna Larson/Zipporah Hunter-Eldridge*
Sunday School: *No Sunday School (classes resume Jan 17)*

Next Sun, 1/10: **Worship Service:** *Krista & Kelly McMillan*
Sunday School: *Toni Alexander*
(Sunday School Teacher Training/Interest Meeting)

Sunday School

WC = Worship Center FB = Fellowship Building

Nursery: Rotational Schedule (WC 101)

Pre-K: Todd & Pam Ware (WC 103)

K—2nd: Jim & Tracie Aldridge (WC 102)

3rd—5th: Antonia Alexander and Sandy Mahan (FB 104)

6th—12th: Pastor Michael Colvard (FB 101)

Adults: Meets in Room 201, located on the 2nd floor

THIS MORNING! Guest Minister—Please welcome back Pastor Hudson Belk! Pastor Belk is an assistant chaplain with Joe Gibbs Racing. He is a graduate of Clemson University with a degree in Business Management and has his Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC).

WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH & FAMILY meetings will resume **this month**.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

- ◆ **Congregational Meeting**—immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of approving the calling of Michael Colvard as our Pastor.
- ◆ **Training and Interest Meeting for Sunday School Teachers**—following the Congregational Meeting. If you are teaching this winter or spring, are curious, would like to help occasionally, or just want to know what it is all about, please join us!
- ◆ **Small Group meetings resume!**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH

- ◆ **Sunday School classes resume!**
- ◆ **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

CORRECTION Women's Book Club—Our next meeting will be **TOMORROW NIGHT, Monday, Jan 4th, at 7:00pm (NOT 7:30pm)**, at Panera Bread. We will be discussing the book, *"Mission at Nuremburg: An American Army Chaplain and the Trial of the Nazis"*, by Tim Townsend.

2016 Faith Promise Pledge Cards—You can still make a commitment for this year!! Pledge cards are located on tables in the sanctuary/lobby and can be placed in the offering plate during the worship service. **2016 year to date pledge is \$12,170.00.**

Super Bowl Party! Mark your calendars for Sunday, **Feb 7th** for our annual Super Bowl Party. Make plans to come & invite your neighbors to this fun, family event.

Catawba Valley Presbytery—Please be in prayer for the upcoming winter meeting of the Catawba Valley Presbytery on Saturday, **Jan 23rd**.

Missionary Bulletin Board & Newsletter Binder—please stop by and look at updates from our missionaries and read their year-in-review newsletters and emails!! The bulletin board is located on the wall by the nursery.

2015 SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

David & Estelle Abernathy

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Pat & Jen Patrick

Congregational Tithes	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week 12/27/15	2,542.20	4,100.00	(1,557.80)
Month to Date 12/27/15	33,131.88	16,400.00	16,731.88
Prior Month Nov 2015	17,847.17	20,500.00	(3,012.83)
Year to Date 12/27/15	239,603.30	281,140.00	(41,536.70)
Mortgage Relief Fund	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Year to Date 12/27/15	630.00	0.00	12,039.86
Faith Promise	Actual	Pledge	Difference
Year to Date 12/27/15	12,841.00	15,370.00	(2,529.00)

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 45:20-25

²⁰ "Assemble yourselves and come;
draw near together, you survivors of the nations!

They have no knowledge
who carry about their wooden idols,
and keep on praying to a god that cannot save.

²¹ Declare and present your case;
let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago?
Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the LORD?
And there is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides me.

²² Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:

'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

²⁴ "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;

to him shall come and be ashamed
all who were incensed against him.

²⁵ In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
shall be justified and shall glory."

“COME, YE SINNERS”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires, is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

UNISON READING: Isaiah 53:3-5

³ He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

“THY MERCY, MY GOD”

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine. Hallelujah.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Mr. Don Deal

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

“ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME”

Trinity Hymnal #499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

“DOXOLOGY”

Trinity Hymnal #731

SERMON Philippians 2:1-11

Pastor Hudson Belk

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind,

having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from self-
ish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than your-
selves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests
of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to
be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the
likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becom-
ing obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has
highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
of God the Father.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(wine is in the outer most ring, grape juice is in the inner rings)

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”

Trinity Hymnal #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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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