

**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

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Welcoming Team</b>              | <b>Communion Preparation</b> |
| Today, 1/17: <i>The Atchison's</i> | <i>The McMillan's</i>        |
| Next Sun, 1/24: <i>The Mahan's</i> | <i>The Sloop's</i>           |

**Refreshment Set-up**  
 Today, 1/17: *The Hawkes'*  
 Next Sun, 1/24: *The Bouts'*

**Nursery**  
 Today, 1/17: **Worship Service:** *The Bouts'*  
**Sunday School:** *Linda Moore*

Next Sun, 1/24: **Worship Service:** *The Lundy's*  
**Sunday School:** *Fran Christenbury*

### 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

| Congregational Tithes   | Actual    | Budget        | Difference  |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| Last Week 1/10/2016     | 2,846.22  | 3,500.00      | (653.78)    |
| Month to Date 1/10/2016 | 8,958.22  | 7,000.00      | 1,958.00    |
| Prior Month Dec 2015    | 33,131.88 | 16,400.00     | 16,731.88   |
| Year to Date 1/10/2016  | 8,958.22  | 7,000.00      | 1,958.22    |
| Mortgage Relief Fund    | Receipts  | Disbursements | Balance     |
| Year to Date 1/10/2016  | 10.00     | 0.00          | 12,049.86   |
| Faith Promise           | Actual    | Pledge        | Difference  |
| Year to Date 1/10/2016  | 520.00    | 12,170.00     | (11,650.00) |

### TODAY!!! JANUARY 17TH

- ◆ Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- ◆ Sunday School classes resume this morning!
- ◆ Small Group meetings resume TONIGHT!

### Next Sunday, January 24th

◆ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING during the Sunday School hour. We will be presenting a recap of 2015 and the 2016 budget & vision. There will NOT be Sunday school classes so everyone can attend.

### Sunday, February 7th

◆ Super Bowl Party! Mark your calendars for our annual Super Bowl Party. Make plans to come & invite your neighbors to this fun, family event. Youth who are submitting **video advertisements**, need to get them to Pastor Michael by **Feb 3rd**.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang 2016** - Pick up your baby bottle and fill it with change!! They are located on the table in the foyer. Return them, by placing them back on the table by Sunday, February 14th. Contact Jinny Hawkes with any questions at (704) 663-7309 or via email at jinny.hawkes@gmail.com.

**Men's Group**—will gather together, **THIS Saturday, Jan 16th**, from 8am-9am, for study, sharing, and prayer. Come early at 7:30am if you would like a quick breakfast!

**Wednesday Night Family & Youth** meetings will resume THIS Wednesday **Jan 20th** at 6:30pm. We will be finishing up our study on the Apostle's Creed.

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

**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.

**SMALL GROUPS** Please prayerfully consider joining a Small Group! It is a great opportunity to grow deeper in faith & relationships. Please contact Pastor Michael Colvard at michaelcolvard@harborchurch.org if you would like to know more about this ministry.

### 2016 SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>David &amp; Estelle Abernathy</b><br><i>Wycliffe Bible Translators</i>  | <b>Cynthia Ruble</b><br><i>Mission to the World</i>   |
| <b>Marshall &amp; Amy Childers</b><br><i>Greater Europe Mission<br/>London, England</i>                            | <i>Life Hope Network Crisis Pregnancy Center<br/>Nagoya, Japan</i>  |
| <b>Tennant &amp; Candi Brastow,</b><br><b>Drew Gustavson</b><br><i>Campus Outreach Charlotte, Davidson College</i> | <b>John &amp; Elizabeth Sexton</b><br><i>Mission to the World, Medical Missions,<br/>West Africa, South America, Canada</i> |
| <b>Ken Cross</b><br><i>Sports Chaplains Network</i>  | <b>Michael &amp; Lindie Wadhams</b><br><i>Mission to the World<br/>Lummi Nation, St. of Washington</i>                      |
| <b>Sid &amp; Tere Druen</b><br><i>Reformed University Fellowship, Davidson College</i>                             | <b>Prayer Support</b>   |
| <b>Jarett &amp; Mary Carole Hall</b><br><i>Mission to the World,<br/>Monterrey, Mexico</i>                         | <b>Michael &amp; Amy Parks</b><br><i>Mission to the World, Tanzania, Tazmania</i>   |
| <b>Luke Wulsin</b><br><i>Campus Outreach Charlotte<br/>High Point University</i>                                   | <b>David &amp; Stephanie Reeves</b><br><i>Campus Crusade for Christ<br/>The Jesus Film Project</i>                          |
|  | <b>Pat &amp; Jen Patrick</b>  |

# The Worship of God



January 17, 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:** Matthew 18:3-5

<sup>3</sup>“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.

### CORPORATE CONFESSION:

Confession of Sin: *(In Unison)*

***Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***  
 (Silent Confession of Sin)

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:11-13

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children,  
 so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 68:3-5 *(Read Responsively)*

[The] righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

***They shall be jubilant with joy!***

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

***Lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;***

His name is the LORD; exult before him!

***Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.***

**“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”**

**Trinity Hymnal #53**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
 O, my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
 Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
 Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been,  
 Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee,  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
Spreading His wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for-e'er we adore Him.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:** Psalm 139:13-18

- <sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.  
<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.  
<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
<sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
I awake, and I am still with you.

## “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,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Westminster Shorter Catechism #105

What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment ['you shall not murder']?

***I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or kill my neighbor—  
Not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture,  
And certainly not by actual deeds—  
And I am not to be party to this in others;  
Rather I am to put away all desire for revenge...***

## “JESUS, CAST A LOOK ON ME”

Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity.  
Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside.  
Bid my will to Thine submit, Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled.  
Seeing only in Thy light, Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest.  
Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give.  
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry!

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

*Mr. Alf Mahan*

## WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

### “ABIDE WITH ME: FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE”

*Trinity Hymnal #402 (vs 1,3,5)*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and round I see;  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

### “DOXOLOGY”

*Trinity Hymnal #731*

**SERMON TEXT:** James 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**SERMON** *“Faith and the Helpless”*

*Pastor Michael Colvard*

## PRAYERS FOR LIFE

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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

## “TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”

*Trinity Hymnal #585 (vs 1,4,5,6)*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE



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