

Advent Sermon Series begins this morning, "Pulling Back the Curtain on Christmas: Christmas is Revelation".

Hanging of the Greens is TONIGHT! We will begin at 5:00pm with pizza for dinner followed by decorating the tree and sanctuary at 5:30pm. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for this special evening!

Angel Tree gifts need to be brought in today, tonight or you can make arrangements to deliver your gifts to Lindsay Colvard by this Thursday, Dec 1st. Questions? Contact Lindsay at 704-799-8453.

Women's Bible Study will finish their study on Ephesians this Tuesday, Nov 29th. Our NEW bible study will begin the following Tuesday, Dec 6th starting at 9:30am! We are doing an inductive study using "Judges & Ruth: There is a Redeemer", by Sarah Ivill. We will meet Dec 6th & 13th then break for the holidays and resume our study on Jan 10th. Nursery care is provided! Sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Contact Tracie Aldridge (tracieNC@gmail.com) if you would like a book or need more information.

Wednesday Evening Youth & Family will meet this week on Nov 30th beginning at 7:00pm. Bring a friend and join us for fun activities, singing and our lesson, "Mark, King Christ Comes to Us". Christmas party is December 7th!

2017 Faith Promise Commitment Cards — are located on tables in the sanctuary and lobby. They can be returned any Sunday for the remainder of the year and placed in the offering plate.

Nursing Mothers — A space for mothers who need to nurse or otherwise care for their babies is available on the 2nd floor in classroom 203.

Fall Women's Bible Study meets weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00am. Nursery care provided! We are studying Ephesians using the book, "Grace: A Bible Study on Ephesians for Women", by Keri Folmar.

Keep informed during the week with Harbor's email newsletter - If you are NOT receiving the weekly email newsletter & would like to be added to the distribution list, please email Susie at office@harborchurch.org.

Sunday School Classes (WC = Worship Center FB = Fellowship Building)
 Pre-K: Shane & P Lundy; Todd & Pam Ware (WC 103)
 K-2nd: Jim & Tracie Aldridge; Michelle Atchison (WC 102)
 3rd-5th: Carl & Cassandra Larson; Alf & Sandy Mahan (FB 104)
 6th-12th: Pastor Michael Colvard (FB 101)

Adult Sunday School Evangelism Study - The adult class is studying the topic of biblical evangelism based on John Leonard's book, "Get Real: Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day". This class is open to all adults! Room 201, 2nd Floor.

Did You Know? You can download the weekly sermon message using the Podcast of your choice (such as iTunes) by following the instructions on our website under the Podcast link.

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SUNDAY SERVANTS

Officer of the Day

Today, 11/27: *Todd Ware*
 Next Sunday, 12/4: *Todd Ware*

Congregational Prayers

Alf Mahan
Clark Moore

Welcoming Team

Today, 11/27: *The Mahan's*
 Next Sunday, 12/4: *The McMillan's*

Communion Preparation

The Moore's
The Gutmann's

Refreshment Set-up

Today, 11/27: *The Wildeman's*
 Next Sunday, 12/4: *The Dixon's*

Nursery

Today, 11/27: **Worship Service:** *The Moore's*
Sunday School: *Beth Bouts*

Next Sunday, 12/4: **Worship Service:** *Beth Bouts/Addie Aldridge*
Sunday School: *Michelle Atchison*



Congregational Tithes	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week 11/20/2016	2,856.00	3,500.00	(644.00)
Month to Date 11/20/2016	11,057.73	10,500.00	557.73
Prior Month Oct 2016	13,982.77	17,500.00	(3,517.23)
Year to Date 11/20/2016	156,985.92	164,500.00	(7,514.08)
Mortgage Relief Fund	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Year to Date 11/20/2016	8,170.00	19,295.21	8,195.16
Faith Promise	Actual	Pledge	Difference
Year to Date 11/20/2016	9,165.00	12,170.00	(3,005.00)

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The Worship of God



November 27, 2016

Harbor's mission is to exist 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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalm 95:6 (selections) (Read Responsively)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called,

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)

(at the close of the prayer, please join us in reciting "The Lord's Prayer" below)

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.

"COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

Trinity Hymnal #196

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
 Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;
 Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
 O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
 Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
 By His life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
 Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
 This the ever-lasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
 Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring!
 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
 By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TOGETHER

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions – seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From earth’s fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS (Silently)

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Matthew 1:21

²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

“COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY”

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father’s plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e’er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

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WE READ FROM GOD’S WORD: Luke 1:26-37 *The Piland Family*

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.”

“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

Trinity Hymnal #213

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and donkeys are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here,
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the Son of Mary.

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

Mr. Alf Mahan

WE WORSHIP GOD BY GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Welcome visitors! Please fill out a blue information card, located in a chair pocket, and place in offering plate)

“SEE, AMID THE WINTER’S SNOW”

Trinity Hymnal #199 (1-2, 5-6)

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Chorus

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies:
He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. *(Chorus)*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this! *(Chorus)*

Teach, O teach us , Holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee, in Thy sweet humility. *(Chorus)*

“WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS (“DOXOLOGY”) *Trinity Hymnal #731*

SERMON TEXT: Revelation 1:9-20

⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹ Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰ As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

WE HEAR FROM GOD’S WORD: *“Baby Jesus: What Child Is This”
Pastor Michael Colvard*

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER TOGETHER

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

“MANGER THRONE”

What kind of King would leave His throne, In heaven to make this earth His home?

While men seek fame and great renown, In lowliness our King comes down.

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, precious One, How we thank You that You’ve come.
Jesus, Jesus, precious One, A manger throne for God’s own Son.

You left the sound of angels’ praise, To come for men with unkind ways.
And by this Baby’s helplessness, The pow’r of nations is laid to rest. *(Chorus)*

What kind of King would come so small, From glory to a humble stall?
That dirty manger is my heart, too. Please make it a royal throne for You.
(Chorus)

WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

POSTLUDE