



Christmas Hymn Sing – Today! Following refreshments!

Christmas Eve Adult Choir Rehearsal TODAY immediately following the Hymn Sing! We will also rehearse this Wednesday, **Dec 21st** at 6:15pm!

Community Caroling Again This Afternoon! Everyone is invited! Meet here at Harbor at 3:00pm! We will carpool to various locations in our community.

No Women’s Bible Study over the holidays, we will resume our inductive study using “*Judges & Ruth: There is a Redeemer*”, on **Jan 10th**.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion on Saturday, **Dec 24th**, beginning at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to bring friends or relatives visiting from out of town together for worship as we celebrate our Lord’s birth.

Christmas Day Worship Service at 11:00am! Come as you are and join us for our family friendly service.

2016 Giving Statements – Any offerings received in the post office box after Wed, Dec 21st, will be posted in the upcoming 2017 tax year. Offerings given at the worship service on Sunday, Dec 25th, will be counted for 2016 tax year.

Sunday School Teacher Training following the worship service on Sunday, **Jan 8th**. Training is for current teachers and for any member who has an interest in teaching in the future. Classes will resume on **Jan 15th**

Small Group Meetings will resume on **Jan 8th**.

Wednesday Evening Youth & Family meetings will also resume **Jan 18th**.

Men’s Group will gather together, Saturday, **Jan 21st**, from 8am-9am, for study, sharing, & prayer. Come early at 7:30am for a quick breakfast!

Mark Your Calendars

2016 Supported Missionaries

David & Estelle Abernathy
Wycliffe Bible Translators

Marshall & Amy Childers
Greater Europe Mission, London, England

Tenant & Candi Brastow,
Drew Gustavson
Campus Outreach Charlotte, Davidson College

Ken Cross
Sports Chaplains Network

Sid & Tere Druen
Reformed University Fellowship, Davidson College

Cynthia Ruble
Mission to the World, Nagoya, Japan
Life Hope Network Crisis Pregnancy Center

John & Elizabeth Sexton
Mission to the World, Medical Missions,
West Africa, South America, Canada

Michael & Lindie Wadhams
Mission to the World, Lummi Nation, Washington

Luke Wulsin
Campus Outreach Charlotte, High Point University

Prayer Support

Michael & Amy Parks
Mission to the World, Tanzania, Tazmania

David & Stephanie Reeves
Campus Crusade for Christ, The Jesus Film Project

Pat & Jen Patrick

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Officer of the Day

Today, 12/18: *Todd Ware*
Next Sunday, 12/25: *Alf Mahan*

Congregational Prayers

Michael Colvard
Michael Colvard

Welcoming Team

Today, 12/18: *The Atchison’s*
Next Sunday, 12/25: *The Mahan’s*

Communion Preparation

The Haller’s
The Larson’s

Refreshment Set-up

Today, 12/18: *The Atchison’s*
Next Sunday, 12/25: *Merry Christmas!*

Nursery

Today, 12/18: **Worship Service:** *The Deal’s*
Hymn Sing: *Beth Bouts*

Next Sunday, 12/25: **Christmas Worship Service – 11:00am**



Congregational Tithes	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week 12/11/2016	2,570.00	3,500.00	(930.00)
Month to Date 12/11/2016	5,032.00	7,000.00	(1,968.00)
Prior Month Nov 2016	12,733.53	14,000.00	(1,266.47)
Year to Date 12/11/2016	163,693.72	175,000.00	(11,306.28)
Mortgage Relief Fund	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Year to Date 12/11/2016	8,345.00	19,295.21	8,370.16
Faith Promise	Actual	Pledge	Difference
Year to Date 12/11/2016	10,715.00	12,170.00	(1,455.00)

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The Worship of God



December 18, 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: Heb 2:14-15; Psa 56:10-13 *(selections) (Read Responsively)*

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

And deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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.

“GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN”

Trinity Hymnal #211

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

“Fear not, then,” said the angel “let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might.”
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks afeeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straight-way, the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TOGETHER

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS (Silently)

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Hebrews 2:17

¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

“O, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

Trinity Hymnal #201

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light—
The hope and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary— and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in— Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD: Matthew 2:7-18

The Edwards Family

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. ¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of

Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

Trinity Hymnal #194

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe. *(Chorus)*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(Chorus)*

O come, thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Chorus)*

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *(Chorus)*

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

Pastor Michael Colvard

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)

“COVENTRY CAROL”

Jon Piland

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

(after Doxology children may be dismissed to attend optional Children's Church)

SERMON TEXT: Revelation 12:1-6

¹And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ²She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the

woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: *“The Dark Side of Christmas: The Woman and the Dragon”* *Pastor Michael Colvard*

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TOGETHER

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

“JOY TO THE WORLD!”

Trinity Hymnal #195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make, His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove;
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

POSTLUDE

