

Sunday School Teacher Training following the worship service TODAY following refreshments. Training is for current teachers and for any member who has an interest in teaching in the future.

Sunday School classes begin next Sunday, **Jan 15th!**

Wednesday Evening Gathering will start on **Jan 18th** beginning at 7:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to come for this midweek connect with our Harbor Church family. Invite a friend or neighbor to come too!

Women's Bible Study will resume this Tuesday, **Jan 10th**, at 9:30am! We are doing an inductive study using "*Judges & Ruth: There is a Redeemer*", by Sarah Ivill. Nursery care is provided! Please join us! Contact Tracie Aldridge (tracieNC@gmail.com) if you would like a book or need more information.

New Date – Men's Group will gather together, Saturday, **Jan 14th**, from 8am-9am, for study, sharing, & prayer. Come early at 7:30am for a quick breakfast!

Congregational Meeting to be held on **Jan 22nd** during the Sunday School hour. We will be presenting a recap of 2016 and the 2017 budget & vision. There will NOT be Sunday school classes so everyone can attend.

24 Hour Day of Prayer—In order to encourage us to pray for the spiritual needs for the people around us and to jump-start a greater emphasis on prayer throughout the year, Harbor is holding a 24 Hour Day of Prayer from **Friday, Feb 3rd through Saturday, Feb 4th**. There are a few ways you can participate!

- ◆ Complete one or more yellow prayer cards and return by Jan 22nd
- ◆ Sign up for a devoted hour or more to pray for those listed on the cards (yellow sign up sheet located in the lobby)
- ◆ Attend the conclusion of our 24 hour day of prayer by participating in an united hour of prayer from 5-6pm on Saturday, Feb 4th.

2017 Faith Promise Commitment Cards—are located on tables in the sanctuary and lobby. They can be returned any Sunday through January & 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.

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.

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SUNDAY SERVANTS

Officer of the Day

Today, 1/8: *Gabe Atchison*
Next Sunday, 1/15: *Ron McMillan*

Welcoming Team

Today, 1/8: *The Ware's*
Next Sunday, 1/15: *The Atchison's*

Refreshment Set-up

Today, 1/8: *The Ware's*
Next Sunday, 1/15: *The McMillan's*

Nursery

Today, 1/8: **Worship Service:** *The Alexander's*
Sunday School Teacher Training

Next Sunday, 1/15: **Worship Service:** *The McMillan's*
Sunday School: *Linda Moore*

Congregational Prayers

Alf Mahan
Clark Moore

Communion Preparation

The Ware's
The Moore's



The Worship of God



January 8, 2017

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: Psalm 63:1-5 (*selections*) (Read Responsively)

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

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 ALMIGHTY KING"

Trinity Hymnal #101

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing.
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword.
Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear.
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be.
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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WE CONFESS OUR SINS TOGETHER

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcoming, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS (Silently)

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

“HIS FOREVER”

Jesus, Friend of sinners, Loved me ere I knew Him.
Drew me with His cords of love, Tightly bound me to Him.
'Round my heart still closely twined, The ties that none can sever.
For I am His and He is mine, Forever and forever.

Jesus, Friend of sinners, A crown of thorns You wore for me.
Bruised for my transgressions, Pierced for my iniquities.
The wrath of God that I deserved, Was poured out on the Innocent.
He took my place my soul to save, Now I am His forever.

Jesus, Friend of sinners, I love to tell the story.
Redeeming love has been my theme, And will be when in glory.
Not death nor life nor anything, Can ever separate me.
O love that will not let me go, Yes I am His forever.

Not death nor life nor anything, Can ever separate me.
O love that will not let me go, Yes I am His forever.
Yes I am His forever. Yes I am His forever.

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Westminster Larger Catechism #178 (Westminster Shorter Catechism #98)

What is prayer?

Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God (for things agreeable to his will) in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

“JESUS PAID IT ALL”

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”

Chorus

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone. *(Chorus)*

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. *(Chorus)*

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *(Chorus)*

Oh praise the one who paid my debt,
and raised this life up from the dead. *(Repeat 2x)*

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain—

He washed it white as snow. *(Repeat 2x)*

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WE READ FROM GOD’S WORD: Romans 8:22-27

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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)

“I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR”

Trinity Hymnal #674 (vs 1,2,5)

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.

Chorus

I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee.
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by.
Temptations lose their pow’r, when Thou art nigh. *(Chorus)*

I need Thee every hour, Most Holy One,
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son. *(Chorus)*

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

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 6:5-8

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

WE HEAR FROM GOD’S WORD: “Why Pray?” *Pastor Michael Colvard*

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER TOGETHER

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

“SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER”

Trinity Hymnal #634

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father’s throne, make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share,
Of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the play where God, my Savior, shows His face,
And gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear,
To him, whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face, believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I’ll cast on Him my ev’ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

POSTLUDE

