



Christmas Hymn Sing – THIS MORNING, following refreshments! Please join us in the sanctuary. Nursery care provided!

Sunday School classes will not be held during the Christmas & New Year holiday break, beginning December 24th. We will resume on January 14th!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Holy Communion on Sunday, **December 24th**, beginning at 6:30pm. 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.

2018 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.

Mission to North America PCA Disaster Response Information:

- Financial Support:** give online at: <https://pcamna.org/disaster-response/>
- Relief Supplies/Equipment:** to this website for a list: <http://mnawarehouse.com/supplies/>
- Go & Serve** by registering online at: <https://pcamna.org/disaster-response/>

Harbor Church T-shirts still available! We ask for a donation of \$9 to offset the cost of the screen printing. To get one please see Don/Brenda Deal after worship service or contact them at (704) 664-2344. Your donation can be in the form of cash or check. If cash use a pew envelope. On the pew envelope or check please write "T-SHIRT" in the memo line, so the donation will not be counted with Sunday offerings.



SUNDAY SERVANTS

Officer of the Day

Today, 12/17: *Alf Mahan*
 Sunday, 12/24: *Ron McMillan*
 Sunday, 12/31: *Adam Alexander*

Congregational Prayers

Sunday, 12/17: *Carl Larson*
 Sunday, 12/24: *Alf Mahan*
 Sunday, 12/31: *Clark Moore*

Welcoming Team

Today, 12/17: *The Lundy's*
 Sunday, 12/24: *The Bouts'*
 Sunday, 12/31: *TBD*

Communion Preparation

Sunday, 12/17: *The Ware's*
 Sunday, 12/24: *Lindsay Colvard*
 Sunday, 12/31: *The Larson's*

Refreshment Set-up

Today, 12/17: *Toni Alexander*
 Sunday, 12/24: *No Sunday School*
 Sunday, 12/31: *No Sunday School*

Nursery

Today, 12/17: **Worship Service:** *The Deal's*
Christmas Hymn Sing: *Linda Moore*

Sunday, 12/24: **Worship Service:** *The Alexander's*
No Sunday School – Merry Christmas!

Sunday, 12/31: **Worship Service:** *Kelly & Rachel McMillan*
No Sunday School – Happy New Year!

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Variance to Budget</u>	<u>Income less Expenses*</u>
November Month to Date	16,803.00	(1,903.00)	1923.25
November Year to Date	167,955.03	(4,844.97)	(4,954.86)

(*) - expenses will vary from month to month

As of November 30th we have received \$9,545.00 of our 2017 Faith Promise pledge of \$11,555.00

As of November 30th our Mortgage Relief Fund balance is \$9,750.16

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The Worship of God

December 17, 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Psalm 51:1-15 (selections) (Read Responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

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.

"ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"

Trinity Hymnal #218

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Chorus

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: (Chorus)

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
 Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star: (Chorus)

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear: (Chorus)

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
 Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. (Chorus)

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TOGETHER

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment, remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception. But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom. God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit, do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness. Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise. Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS (Silently)

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: 1 John 1:9

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
My comforter, my all in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Heidelberg Catechism #70 (Read Responsively)

What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

To be washed with Christ's blood means to receive forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, because of Christ's blood, poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with his Spirit means to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and lead a holy and blameless life.

“LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE”

Trinity Hymnal #193

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD: Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

Mr. Carl Larson

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)

“CHRISTMAS GLORIA”

Harbor Adult Choir

*By Austin C. Lovelace
Hope Publishing Co.*

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

SERMON TEXT: Exodus 30:17-21 (Pew Bible pg 70)

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: “He Dwelt with Us: Water for Washing” *Pastor Michael Colvard*

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER TOGETHER

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

“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

Trinity Hymnal # 214

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

POSTLUDE



THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Missionary:	Tennant & Candi Brastow Campus Outreach Charlotte
Community Program or Need:	The spiritually lost in our community
Church in our Presbytery:	New Hope Presbyterian, China Grove
Harbor Church:	Our Worship
Our Congregation:	Julius Haller (cancer treatment, healing) Erin Dehn (kidney function) Rick Dixon (prayers answered for employment!)

Friends and Family:

- Pastor Mark Ball & family of Southside Baptist Church in Mooresville (prayers for comfort at the recent passing of his son, Micah)
- Paul Ratcliff (friend of Adam Alexander, surgery & treatment for pancreatic cancer)
- Carl Ware (brother of Todd Ware, recovering at home from serious injury due to a car accident)
- Ethen (cancer treatment of infant son of Brian & Christie Baucom) friends of the Gallahan's