



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service TONIGHT 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 Daily Bible Reading Guides are available on the "free" resource bookshelf (by the elevator). This Bible reading plan is mostly chronological, covers the whole Bible in one year and is designed as a '5 day week', so if you miss a day or two (or need to spread a reading out) you won't be too far behind! Available to everyone! So please take one, we can print more!

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

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://pcanma.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, 12/24: Ron McMillan
 Sunday, 12/31: Adam Alexander
 Sunday, 1/7: TBD

Congregational Prayers

Sunday, 12/24: Alf Mahan
 Sunday, 12/31: Clark Moore
 Sunday, 1/7: Rick Wildeman

Welcoming Team

Today, 12/24: The Bouts'
 Sunday, 12/31: The Mahan's
 Sunday, 1/7: The Christenbury's

Communion Preparation

Sunday, 12/24: Lindsay Colvard
 Sunday, 12/31: The Larson's
 Sunday, 1/7: Linda Moore

Refreshment Set-up

Today, 12/24: No Sunday School
 Sunday, 12/31: No Sunday School
 Sunday, 1/7: No Sunday School

Nursery

Today, 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!
 Sunday, 1/7: **Worship Service:** *The Gutmann's*
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 24, 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 132:9; 13-17 (selections) (Read Responsively)

For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:

This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

[God says] I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy. There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

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.

"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

Trinity Hymnal #208

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold Him born the King of angels.

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light;
 Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb:
 Very God, begotten, not created. (Chorus)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
 Glory to God in the highest. (Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing! (Chorus)

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TOGETHER

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all has been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS (Silently)

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

“WHO IS THIS, SO WEAK AND HELPLESS”

Who is this, so weak and helpless, Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered, Coldly in a manger laid?
‘Tis the Lord of all creation, Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlasting, And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows, Walking sadly life’s hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping, Over sin and Satan’s sway?
‘Tis our God, our glorious Savior, Who above the starry sky,
Is for us a place preparing, Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected, mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
‘Tis our God, Who gifts and graces on His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance all His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying, While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors, Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
‘Tis our God Who lives forever, Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city, Reigning everlastingly.

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Heidelberg Catechism #16 & #17

(Read Responsively)

Why must [Jesus] be a true and righteous man?

He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.

Why must he at the same time be true God?

He must be true God so that by the power of his divine nature he might bear in his human nature the burden of God's wrath, and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

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 READ FROM GOD’S WORD: Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴Since 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, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 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. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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)

“AWAY IN A MANGER”

Harbor Children’s Choir

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

SERMON TEXT: Exodus 28-29 (Pew Bible pg 68-70)

WE HEAR FROM GOD’S WORD: *“He Dwelt with Us: A High Priest For Us”*

Pastor Michael Colvard

Trinity Hymnal #213

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER TOGETHER

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

“BEFORE THE THRONE”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me,
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within.
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:	
Missionary:	Drew Gustavson Campus Outreach Charlotte
Community Program or Need:	The poor in our community
Church in our Presbytery:	Northcross Church, Cornelius
Harbor Church:	Our Leadership
Our Congregation:	Julius Haller (cancer treatment, healing) Erin Dehn (kidney function)

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