

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Upcoming Events:

12/23: OPEN

12/30: OPEN

Christmas Eve Service: Please join us on Monday, December 24, to celebrate the birth of Christ at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Mark Your Calendars: **Our annual Women's Retreat will be the weekend of March 1-2.**

Greeters are Needed: If willing to serve, please contact Beth Bouts or P Lundy or email the Harbor Hospitality Team (harborhospitalityteam@gmail.com).

SUNDAY SERVANTS

OFFICER OF THE DAY

Today: 12/23 Adam Alexander

Sunday: 12/30 Adam Alecander

Sunday: 1/06 TBD

GREETERS

Today: 12/23 The Christenburys

Sunday: 12/30 Volunteer Needed

Sunday: 1/06 The Lundys

REFRESHMENT SET-UP

Today: 12/23 The Deals

Sunday: 12/30 Thelma Haller

Sunday: 1/06 Linda Moore

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Today: 12/23 Clark Moore

Sunday: 12/30 Rick Wildeman

Sunday: 1/06 Michael Colvard

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Today: 12/23 Cassandra, Makenna, & Bethany Larson

Sunday: 12/30 The Atchisons

Sunday: 1/06 Tracie Aldridge

NURSERY

Today: Worship Service The Bouts

Sunday School Toni Alexander

Next Sunday: Worship Service Krystal Gallahan & Ray

Sunday School Linda Moore

Operating Fund	Income	Variance to Budget	Income less Expenses (*)
November Month to Date	\$66,047.37	\$50,387.37	\$48,651.64
November Year to Date	\$270,514.29	\$92,009.29	\$57,378.05

(*) Expenses will vary from month to month;
() '18 Mortgage pay down = \$30,149.48**

We have received \$15,314.00 of our 2018 Faith Promise commitment of \$14,180.00 for the missionaries we currently support.

Mortgage Relief Fund Balance is \$17,600.16

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The Worship of God

December 23, 2018

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.

DROP IN PRAYER TIME FROM 8:45AM-9:15AM, UPSTAIRS IN ROOM 201

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Psalm 46:1-11 (selections) (Read Responsively)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

God says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

Trinity Hymnal #92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
 Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
 On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
 Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
 Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
 And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
 The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
 his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
 One little word shall fell him.

GETTING PLUGGED IN		
WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:		
Activity	Contact	Email
Sunday School	Pastor Michael Colvard	mdcolvard@gmail.com
Small Groups	Carl Larson	carllarson@gmail.com
Men's Ministry	Pastor Michael Colvard	mdcolvard@gmail.com
Women's Ministry		womenscareteam@harborchurch.org
Women's Bible Study	Tracie Aldridge	tracienc@gmail.com
Youth & Family Events	Pastor Michael Colvard	mdcolvard@gmail.com
WAYS TO SERVE:		
Activity	Contact	Email
Hospitality List	Beth Bouts	harborhospitalityteam@gmail.com
Nursery, Refreshments, Greeters, Communion set-up		
Meals for the sick, Fellowship meal set-up, supplies		
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Sunday School Teaching	Pastor Michael Colvard	mdcolvard@gmail.com

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TOGETHER

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS *(Silently)*

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: 1 John 3:5 *(Pew Bible p. 1022)*

You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.

“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 FAITH TOGETHER: Heidelberg Catechism #34

(Read Responsively)

Why do you call him our Lord?

Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession .

“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 READ FROM GOD’S WORD: 1 John 3:7-10 *(Pew Bible p. 1022)*

Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

Clark Moore

WE WORSHIP GOD BY GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT?”

Were you there, Were you there
On that Christmas night,
When the world was filled with a holy light?
Where you there to behold, when the wonder foretold
came to Earth?

Did you see, Did you see
How they hailed Him King,
With their gifts so rare that they chose to bring?
Did you see how they bowed, as they praised Him aloud
At His birth?

Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang
At the glory of the sight?
Did you hear how the bells of Heaven rang
All through the night?

Did you know, did you know
It was God’s own Son,
The salvation of the world begun?
Did you know it was love, that was sent from above
To the Earth?

Did you know it was love, that was sent from above
To the Earth? Were you there?

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

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. / Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. /Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD’S WORD: Hebrews 2:14-15 (1 John 3:8)

(Pew Bible pp. 1002 & 1022)

The WHY of Christmas, Part 5: To save us all from Satan’s Power?

Pastor Michael Colvard

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER TOGETHER

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

“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 he 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 is everlasting 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 RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Missionary:	Michael & Amy Parks <i>Mission to the World</i> <i>Freemantle, Western Australia</i>
Community Program or Need:	Community Pregnancy Center of Mooresville
Church in our Presbytery:	Shearer Presbyterian Church Mooresville, NC <i>Rev. Stephen Stout</i>
Harbor Church:	Our Families
Our Congregation:	Pam Ware (Cancer Treatment) Kara Piland (Broken Wrist) Olivia Moore (recovery from surgery) Rachel Shufelt (recovery from jaw surgery and lumpectomy)

Friends and Family:

• Pastor Sid Druen (RUF Davidson) as he was diagnosed with ocular melanoma. Pray for on-going treatment.