

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: Isaiah 8:17-9:7

"Worst Christmas Ever, Part 1: Darkness "

Pastor Michael Colvard

"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)*

THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Missionary:	Tennant & Candi Brstow <i>(Campus Outreach Charlotte, Davidson College)</i>
Community Program or Need:	Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman
Church in our Presbytery:	Christ's Church at Rivers Edge , Belmont, NC Rev. Ray Kruntorad
Harbor Church:	Our Teenagers and Young Adults
Outreach:	Courage in Outreach to the Lost

Please see our special prayer email for prayer requests. If you'd like to submit a prayer request, you can email Rebecca at the church's office (harborchurchpca@gmail.com). For confidential requests, please email the elders (elders@harborchurch.org)



The Worship of God

November 29, 2020

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

(Welcome visitors! To stay connected, go to harborchurch.org and sign up for our emails)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Colossians 1:15-18 *(selections)*

(Please Read Responsively)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)

"HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

Trinity Hymnal #203

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild — God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness then repeat our errors. We experience your grace then act defeated. We rely on your power but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

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

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: *Colossians 1:21-22*

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² He has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him.

“HIS MERCY IS MORE”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus:

Praise the Lord!

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam

What Father, so tender, is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more *(chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us

His blood was the payment, His life was the cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more *(chorus)*

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER *Heidelberg Catechism #35*

Q. What do you confess when you say: *He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?*

A. The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus he is also the true seed of David, and like his brothers in every respect, yet without sin.

MEMORY VERSE: *Isaiah 9:2*

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

“WHAT GLORY NOW OUR EYES HAVE SEEN”

What glory now our eyes have seen,
From angels praise on high;
The king of glory condescends,
To shine into our night.

Chorus:

Glory to God in the highest,
The saints and the angels sing.

Praise and adore him Messiah,

Glory to the new-born King.

And now we see the kingdom come,

The darkness turns to light.

The shout of sin is overthrown,

By the baby's cry. *(chorus)*

And now this night our eyes have seen,

Our faith turned into sight;

The promise of the coming King

We now behold in Christ *(chorus)*

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WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD *John 1:1-5*

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

Jim Aldridge

WE WORSHIP GOD BY GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS *(Our mailing address is: Harbor Church, PCA, P.O. Box 4025, Mooresville, NC 28117) *counted & deposited every two weeks*

“WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS” (DOXOLOGY)

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.