

WE THANK 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.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: Luke 2:1-7 (Mt. 2:1-16)

"Worst Christmas Ever, Part 3: Powerlessness "

Pastor Michael Colvard

"HE WHO IS MIGHTY"

Oh, the mercy our God has shown, To those who sit in death's shadow.
The sun on high pierced the night; Born was the Cornerstone.
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

He Who is mighty has done a great thing; Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting,
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame. Holy is His name.

Oh, the freedom our Savior won; The yoke of sin has been broken.
Once a slave, now by grace, No more condemnation.
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Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame. Holy is His name. Holy is His name.

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I will trust His unfailing love, I will sing His praises all my days.

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THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Missionary:	Marshall & Amy Childers (<i>Greater European Mission; London, England</i>)
Community Program or Need:	Dove House Children's Advocacy Center
Church in our Presbytery:	Goshen Presbyterian, Belmont, NC Rev. James Almond
Harbor Church:	Our Elderly
Outreach:	Mental Alertness and Wise Words

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 December 13, 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: Psalm 27:1-4 (selections)

(Please Read Responsively)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

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

"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 SIN TOGETHER

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

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

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For 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. ¹⁶ Let 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.

"SEE, AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW" *Trinity Hymnal #199 (1,2,5,6)*

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Chorus

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies:
He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. (*Chorus*)

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this! (*Chorus*)

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee, in Thy sweet humility. (*Chorus*)

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER *Westminster Confession 23 (parts 1, 3, & 4)*

God, the Supreme Lord and King of all the world, has ordained civil magistrates to **be under him over the people, for his own glory, and the public good...**

...Civil magistrates may not assume to themselves the administration of the Word and Sacraments; or the power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven: or, in the least, interfere in matters of faith...

...It is the duty of people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute and other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority for conscience' sake. Infidelity or difference in religion, does not make void the magistrate's just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to him: from which ecclesiastical persons are not exempted.

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.

"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 FOR GOD'S WORD *Revelation 1:12-20*

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In His right hand He held seven stars, from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, **"Fear not, I am the first and the last,** ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹ Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰ As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

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