

## 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 2:8-20

"Worst Christmas Ever, Part 4: Disappointment"

Pastor Michael Colvard

## "JOY TO THE WORLD!"

Trinity Hymnal #195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make, His blessings flow,  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove;  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS OVER US (BENEDICTION)

### THIS WEEK WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Missionary:	Andrew & Amanda Goyzueta ( <i>Reformed University Fellowship; Davidson College</i> )
Community Program or Need:	Broken Families in our Community
Church in our Presbytery:	Grace Church (Harrisburg, NC) Rev. Doug Agnew; Assoc. Rev. Eugene Oldham
Harbor Church:	Marriages
Outreach:	Outreach to our own Family

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](mailto:harborchurchpca@gmail.com)). For confidential requests, please email the elders ([elders@harborchurch.org](mailto:elders@harborchurch.org))



# The Worship of God

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*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.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Psalm 148:1-5 (selections)

(Please Read Responsively)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

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

### "LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES!"

Trinity Hymnal #198

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits:  
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here.

A helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility,  
His crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes, To whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart,  
**From earthly use for heav'ns employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

Redeemer, come! I open wide, My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, Until the glorious crown be won.

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

*There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you: in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew **Jesus' love for us. Amen.***

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

## GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: *Isaiah 12:2*

**"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation."**

## **"MANGER THRONE"**

What kind of King would leave His throne, in heaven to make this earth His home?  
While men seek fame and great renown, in lowliness our King comes down.

### Chorus

**Jesus, Jesus, precious One, how we thank You that You've come.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious One, a manger throne for God's own Son.**

**You left the sound of angels' praise, to come for men with unkind ways.  
And by this Baby's helplessness, the pow'r of nations is laid to rest. *(Chorus)***

What kind of King would come so small, from glory to a humble stall?  
That dirty manger is my heart, too. Please make it a royal throne for You. *(Chorus)*

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## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER *Nicene Creek (Selections)*

Who is your faith in?

[We believe] in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. whose kingdom shall have no end.

## MEMORY VERSE: *Isaiah 9:2*

<sup>2</sup>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 FOR GOD'S WORD** *Isaiah 11:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from His roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist, and faithfulness the belt of His loins.

## WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

*Jack Edwards*

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