



ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

November 20, 2016

Enter to Worship-Depart to Serve



**WELCOME to Harkers Island UMC
this Sunday Morning as We Worship and
Celebrate Our LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

Prelude
Lighting of Altar Candles
Welcome Announcements & Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: *"To GOD Be the Glory"* Choir

Children's Time: Brenda Best

Greeting Each Other with Hugs & Handshakes

Congregational Hymn: *"How Great Thou Art"* #77(UMH)

Apostle's Creed pg.# 881 (UMH)

Concerns & Prayers of the Community

Our Tithes & God's Offerings
*Doxology
*Offertory Prayer

Anthem: *"Count Your Blessings"* Choir

Sermon Pastor Brad Williams

Closing Hymn: *"America"* #697(UMH)

Closing Prayer

Go In Peace and Love

Prayer Concerns

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Our Country & Military  
UMC Church Leaders  
David Jones & Family  
James Hamilton  
Trudie Willis Ashley  
Ed & Donna Paylor  
Wanda Willis  
Joe Morris  
Kim Naples  
Mary Elza Gillikin  
Bernard Cochran  
Edna Davis  
Elva Mae Johnson  
Mary Williams  
Barbara Ammons  
Janice Conway  
Edna Chappell  
Meg & London Tudor  
Kim Willis  
Randolph Grady  
Billy & Patsy Taylor  
Jimmy Gillikin  
Saundra Gillikin  
Lisa Register  
Deb Rose  
Ray & Gigi Scharf  
Rosa Stryon  
Charlene Eaton  
Matt Koegler  
Debbie Grady  
Tim Mason  
Susie Davis  
Jack Honeycutt  
Kim Garvin  
Gracelyn Long  
Makley Joe Lawrence

## The Family Of:

Dot Overton  
Martha Salter  
Granddaughter of  
Mrs Edna Chappell  
Judy Carraway  
Dot's Daughter  
Almeria Shipp  
Bob's Mother  
Pete Guthrie



*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*

| Upcoming Events<br>November 2016 |                                                     |                    |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sun 20th                         | Setting Christmas Tree, decorating church           | 5:00 PM            |
| Wed 23rd                         | Food Pantry at Harkers Island Fire Department       | 12:00 Noon         |
| Thur 24th                        | Thanksgiving Day                                    | All Day            |
| Sun 27th                         | Hanging of the Greens                               | 11 :00 AM          |
| Upcoming Events<br>December 2016 |                                                     |                    |
| Sat 3rd                          | <b>Decoy Festival Dinner</b><br>Volunteers see Mila | 10 AM till 2:00 PM |
| Sat 10th                         | Christmas Dinner                                    | 6:00 PM            |
| Sun 11th                         | <b>First Friday Christmas Special</b>               | 6:30 PM            |
| Wed 14th                         | <b>Christmas Caroling for shut-ins</b>              | 5:30 PM            |
| Sun 18th                         | <b>Children's Christmas Program</b>                 | 6:30 PM            |
| Fri 23rd                         | <b>Christmas Eve Communion Service</b>              | 7:00 PM            |

## VISITOR RESPONSE

*We are glad you are here today!*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Age Group:

\_\_\_ 0-6 years \_\_\_ 7-12 years  
\_\_\_ 13-18 years \_\_\_ 19-25 years  
\_\_\_ 26-35 years \_\_\_ 36-50 years  
\_\_\_ 51-64 years \_\_\_ 65+ years

### Please check one:

\_\_\_ First time guest  
\_\_\_ Returning guest  
\_\_\_ Active in other church

### I am:

\_\_\_ Looking for a church family to be with regular.  
\_\_\_ Just visiting

\_\_\_ I would invite the pastor to call me when convenient.

(Can be about anything, does not have to be about church membership etc. We are happy to be a loving family and helpful if we can .

Please place in offering plate.

## PRAYER REQUEST

We will be glad to join with you  
in prayer...

Please write your request and  
place it in the offering plate.

Requested

by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like someone to  
contact me to pray over  
more confidential matters.  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Weekly Services

~Sunday~

Pre-SS Fellowship 9:30  
Sunday School 9:45  
Worship Service 11:00

~Wednesday~

Prayer/Bible Study 6:30  
Children's Ministry 6:30  
Choir Practice 7:30



“Enter into HIS gates with thanksgiving and  
into HIS courts with praise. Be thankful to  
HIM...” **Psalms 100:4**

### Thanksgiving

I don't know about you, but Thanksgiving is one of my very favorite holidays—I have always loved it! I mean, what's not to love— a holiday filled with many uniquely American traditions where we give thanks for all the blessings of life, gather with family and friends, eat the best meal of the year, and then nap all afternoon while trying to watch football on TV.

Back when I was growing up, Thanksgiving day always started very early for me. My Dad and I always left home way before daylight to meet my Uncles for the annual deer hunt. We usually ran into my Mom in the kitchen as she was also up early putting the turkey in the oven, so it would be ready to eat soon after we returned home around noon. Instead of watching football on TV, I joined with my friends in the neighborhood to play football in our annual *Turkey Bowl!*

I'm sure each of you have your own great and happy memories of previous Thanksgivings spent with family and friends—its part of what we love about this uniquely American holiday.

You might be surprised however to know ironically this beloved holiday was created out of great tragedy and grief in our country. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the Nation would celebrate the first official national day of Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November in 1863, which that year was November 26th.

Those of you who are history buffs readily realize the significance of that year (1863). This was the 3rd year of America's Civil War and specifically, the Thanksgiving proclamation occurred just 4 months after the Battle of Gettysburg. More American casualties (51,000) occurred in this single battle than any other ever on American soil. Our Nation was never more divided, in more turmoil and more threatened with its very existence than it was that year. Yet through what I believe was divine wisdom from GOD, President Lincoln established a national day to give THANKS for all the blessings our country had experienced. Pretty amazing, given the circumstances back then—clearly 153 years later, we should all do the same!

All things are truly possible with the LORD and as King David said in Psalms above “**Be Thankful to HIM!**” I pray you have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving! Amen

Giving for October 2016 (Thank You for your prayers, gifts & service)

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|----------|---------|------|------|--------|----------|
| Wk 1     | Wk 2    | Wk 3 | Wk 4 | (Wk 5) | Total    |
| 2,850.00 | 2482.75 |      |      |        | 5,332.75 |

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