



ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

December 11, 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: First Friday Fellowship

Children's Time: Brenda Best

Greeting Each Other with Hugs & Handshakes

Congregational Hymn:
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #218(UMH)

Apostle's Creed pg.# 881 (UMH)

Concerns & Prayers of the Community

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

Special Music: "Just a Girl" Chelsea & Lee

Sermon Pastor Brad Williams

Closing Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230(UMH)

Closing Prayer

Go In Peace and Love

Prayer Concerns

Our Country & Military
UMC Church Leaders
Buddy Fuller
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



	Upcoming Events December 2016	
Sun 11th	First Friday Christmas Special	6:30 PM
Wed 14th	Christmas Caroling for shut-ins	5:30 PM
Sun 18th	Children's Christmas Program	6:30 PM
Fri 23rd	"Eve Before Christmas Eve" Communion Service	7:00 PM
Sun 25th	Christmas Day Service at HIUMC "Happy Birthday LORD JESUS!!!"	11:00 AM
Wed 28th	Food Pantry at Harkers Island Fire Department	12:00 NOON
	Coming in January	
	2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!	
TBD	New Book Study!!! "No Perfect People Allowed" by John Burke—more info soon	

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



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:8-14

That's What Christmas is all About, Charlie Brown.

Don't know about you, but I sure remember where I was when I first heard these words. Never did I think there was controversy regarding them.

During the making of the animated Christmas classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, Peanuts creator Charles Schulz had a critical meeting with Lee Mendelson, the show's producer, and Bill Melendez, its lead animator.

The discussion concerned Schulz's insistence about including a New Testament scripture reading of the Christmas story from the Bible. The scripture reading was to be spoken by Peanuts character Linus Van Pelt in response to Charlie Brown's lament,

"Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?"

Both TV Executives voiced concern about the reading, with Melendez telling Schulz, "It's very dangerous for us to start talking about religion now."

Schulz famously answered him by saying, "*Bill, if we don't, who will?*"

In the end, the scripture reading was retained, and the CBS special was the second-most watched TV show of the week when it debuted on December 9, 1965. The show is now considered a standard part of the Christmas Season and it has been shown for 51 consecutive years and counting!

As Christians, we certainly know "what Christmas is all about", but like Charlie Brown, we can lose our focus during this busy time of year, if we are not careful. I'm thankful Charles Shultz recognized the importance to be the one "who will" and remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. I pray we all have that same faith and courage, and do like little Linus', to recite the Gospel of Luke's account of Jesus birth as our Christmas Story.

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

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	(Wk 5)	Total
4,508.25					

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