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*East Charlotte Pres is a church that strives to be defined by the Gospel-
inviting everyone to See, Savor, and Serve Jesus as the Author & Perfecter of our faith.*

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CLING
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The logo features a stylized rooster in a dark green color, standing on a small cross. The rooster is positioned above the word "CLING" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Below "CLING" is the phrase "THE GOSPEL OF LUKE" in a smaller, all-caps, black sans-serif font.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIM DOMRAS

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. JONATHAN McCLURE

SONG OF PRAISE

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

R. Robinson | J. Wyeth

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it - Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it - Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it - Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q98: What is prayer?

A: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

CONFESSION OF SIN

REV. JONATHAN McCLURE

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you, we humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your loving kindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us.

FALL 2020 LIFE GROUPS - Fall Life Groups at ECPC kickoff in September! For more information including locations, times, and topics, please see the Weekly Update email.

WOMEN'S JUDE BIBLE STUDY - Mark your calendars for our new women's Bible study beginning September 14th at 7:30pm at the home of Carrie Dirks (1016 Timber Lake Drive). Wear a mask and join us as we dive into Jackie Hill Perry's 7 week session on the book of *Jude; Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture*. Please email carriedirks@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or have any questions. Childcare will not be provided at this time.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP CHARCUTERIE NIGHT - Ladies, mark your calendars for September 26th for small group Charcuterie Night for groups of 6-8. Please contact Kelly Clark (itskel@gmail.com) if you would like to host or attend.

J.H. GUNN TUTORING - ECPC will be offering tutoring nights for J.H. Gunn students, starting Tuesday, September 8th from 4-6 pm, at our 10101 outdoor shelter where students can come to receive one-on-one instruction. For more information and ways to be involved, please see the Weekly Update email.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

SEPT 6	PEREIRA/SCHNEE LG KICKOFF
SEPT 8	J.H. GUNN TUTORING
SEPT 9	YOUTH GROUP
SEPT 10	BLACKMAN/PARMAN LG KICKOFF
SEPT 11	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 13	DIRKS/HAWKES, MAY/SMITH, CLARK/McCLURE LG KICKOFF
SEPT 14	WOMEN'S JUDE BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 16	YOUTH GROUP
SEPT 18	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 21	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 23	YOUTH GROUP
SEPT 25	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 26	WOMEN'S CHARCUTERIE NIGHT
SEPT 28	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEPT 30	YOUTH GROUP
OCT 2	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
OCT 5	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SONG OF RESPONSE

IN CHRIST ALONE

K. Getty, S. Townsend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
 My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe
 This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
 'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION

REV. JONATHAN MCCLURE

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

AMAZING GRACE

J. Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now am found
 Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
 And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
 Bright shining as the sun
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we've first begun

SONG OF PREPARATION

BE THOU MY VISION

E. Hull | M. E. Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
 I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord
 Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
 High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
 May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns sun
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of All

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MIKE SCHNEE



PREACHING OF THE WORD

MR. JOEL MAY

“PARABLES OF PROMISE AND PERSEVERANCE”

LUKE 18:1-8

I. PERSISTENT PRAYER

II. HOPEFUL HEARTS

III. GOD’S GRACE

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) A life of faith is characterized by persistent prayer and hopeful hearts rooted in God’s grace. Jesus asks, “Will your faith look like this when I return?” How would you answer that question?
- 2) What is hard about asking for help? What aspects of God’s character encourage you in your efforts to pray?
- 3) Are there situations that makes you feel like an outcast? Rejected? Beaten down? What would it sound like to talk to God about these things?
- 4) Jesus explicitly says, “God will give justice to [his elect] speedily” as a hopeful promise to reassure you in your faith. What sort of hope does this provide you?