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WHILE WE ARE NOT OFFERING A NURSERY AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE MADE A SPACE IN THE MODULE WITH A LIVESTREAM OF THE SERVICE, COUCHES, AND A DIAPER CHANGING CART. PLEASE USE THIS SPACE AS NEEDED.

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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2020



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KATIE BLUMENSTEIN

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF PRAISE

COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

R.H. Prichard, C. Wesley

Come, thou long-expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see Thee Dayspring from on high appear
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse Of Thy birth, we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing News, glad tidings of a birth
Go to Him, your praises bringing Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness He whose glories knew no end
By His life He brings us gladness Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver Born a child, and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne

IMAGINATIVELY INHABITING THE STRANGE TRUTH

9 AM STEPHEN REAVES

11 AM THE MORGAN FAMILY

ADVENT READING – 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. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the trampling warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. - Isaiah 9:2-7

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Eve service on December 24th. More information coming soon!

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

DEC 16	YOUTH GROUP
DEC 18	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
DEC 20	SUNDAY WORSHIP
DEC 24	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DEC 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
DEC 27	SUNDAY WORSHIP
JAN 3	SUNDAY WORSHIP

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

IN CHRIST ALONE

K. Getty, S. Townend

SONG OF PRAISE

O come, O come, Emmanuel / And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here / Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel / Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer / Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night / And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel / Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free / Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save / And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel / Shall come to thee, O Israel

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CONFSSION OF SIN

BRANDON HAWKES

Merciful father, pardon all my sins of this day, week, and year. I have sinned as a child, as a youth, and I sin now. I have done what you say not to do and have failed to do what you command. Forgive my anger, my laziness, my hard-heartedness, my unbelief, my unfaithfulness, my lack of zeal, and my deception. I have sinned in private, with, family, in my recreation, in my work, and in my rest. Lord forgive us of all our sins, known and unknown, felt and on felt, remembered and forgotten, confessed and not confessed. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 130:3-4

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

J. Robinson, R. Thompson, M. Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer / There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus / For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! / Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken / For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing for in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me / Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven / The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon / And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated / Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus / All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

SONG OF PREPARATION

Savior of the nations, come,
Show yourself, the virgin's son.
Marvel heaven, wonder earth,
That our God chose such a birth.

Not by human power or seed
Did the woman's womb conceive;
Only by the Spirit's breath
Was the Word of God made flesh.

Mary then was found with child,
Still a virgin, chaste and mild.
God had favored her with grace
To receive the Prince of Peace.

Christ laid down his majesty,
Passed through dark Gethsemane.
Though he left his Father's home,
Christ now sits on God's own throne.

Christ in glory intercede
For your creatures' suffering need.
Let your resurrecting power
Soon complete the victory hour.

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing.
Praise to Christ, our newborn King!
With the Father, Spirit, one,
Let your lasting kingdom come.

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

ALEX PARMAN

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SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

Ambrose of Milan, M. Luther, C. Seerveld



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“ADVENT”

LUKE 21:25–38

I. ANOMALY

II. ATTENTION

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) Are you okay with feeling small? Can you embrace the tension of not “having things figured out” and “under control”? Can you actually embrace Prov. 3:5?
- 2) Put yourself in Joseph and/or Mary’s position? What would’ve driven you crazy about those precarious situations God put you in?
- 3) How do you feel about Jesus’ commanding you to stand up and lift your head high at His second coming?
- 4) What dissipation do you regularly indulge in?
- 5) What version of meekness, and what specific supernatural hopes, do you need to embrace and operate with these days?