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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 20TH, 2020



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RACHEL VAUGHN

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

SONG OF PRAISE

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

C. F. Alexander | H. J. Gauntlett

Once in royal David's city, Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby, In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from Heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in Heav'n above,
And He leads His children on, To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in Heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned, All in white shall wait around.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

C. Wesley | F. Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing / Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild / God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise / Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim / Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! The herald angels sing / Glory to the newborn King

Christ, by highest heav'n adored / Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come / Offspring of the virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see / Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell / Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing / Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace / Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings / Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by / Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth / Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing / Glory to the newborn King

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - You are invited to the ECPC Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 5 pm at 10101 Robinson Church Rd. Masks will be required. We hope to see there!

ECPC WEEKLY UPDATE - If you have been visiting with us at ECPC and would like to receive our weekly email updates, please email Katie Blumenstein at admin@eastcharlottepres.org to be added to our mailing list.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- DEC 24** CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
- DEC 25** CHRISTMAS DAY
- DEC 27** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- JAN 3** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- JAN 6** YOUTH GROUP
- JAN 8** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- JAN 10** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- JAN 13** YOUTH GROUP
- JAN 15** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- JAN 17** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- JAN 20** YOUTH GROUP
- JAN 22** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

REV. TYLER DIRKS

IMAGINATIVELY INHABITING THE STRANGE TRUTH

9 AM BRIAN FAMILY
11 AM JONES FAMILY

SONG OF RESPONSE

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

J. Wade, J. Reading

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels;

chorus

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, Glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.
Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;

BENEDICTION

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ADVENT READING – And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. - Revelation 12:1-6

CONFESSION OF SIN

JOEL MAY

Almighty God, we admit that we do not truly understand or embrace what it truly means to be like Christ. Rather than humbling ourselves and becoming meek like Jesus, we sinfully manipulate those around us in order to gain power and control. Rather than submitting every aspect of our lives to your holy and perfect will, we fear the unknown and resort to micromanaging our own earthly circumstances. Father, remind us that our lives do not belong to us, but that we have been purchased by you at the price of your Son. Convict us of our sinful pride and unbelief. Forgive us for rejecting you, and denying your power and glory every day.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-15

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

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

SONG OF PREPARATION

What child is this who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here, The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant king to own Him
The King of Kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary

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

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

D. Allen, N. Allen, W.C. Dix

MIKE SCHNEE



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“TRUSTING GOD”

LUKE 22:1-13

I. THE PROXIMITY OF ENEMIES

II. THE PROVISION OF GOD

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How will you specifically choose to trust God this week amidst the inevitability of danger, threats, and risk?
- 2) How are you presently attempting to do penance instead of accepting full pardon from God in Christ alone? ...Do you see how your stubborn refusal to wholly accept God's grace makes you your own worst enemy?
- 3) In what ways are you more in love with the world than with God? How has God forced you to hastily amputate your clutch on the world?
- 4) In what ways has God called you to rely on other people - and by so doing God has disabused you of the folly of 'having life on your terms'?