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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, JANUARY 3RD, 2021



CLING
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNALEE HAWKES

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

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.

HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM

K. Getty

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you, / As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy, / Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven, / The humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him, / Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

chorus

*King of Heaven / we will answer the call
We will follow / bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion / filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the Kingdom, / To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion, / In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness, / And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

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.

- LIFE GROUPS 2021 -

PEREIRA/SCHNEE [1201 Robinhood Cir, Charlotte, NC 28227]

Sundays post church (beginning Jan 10)

TOPIC: Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers, by Dane Ortlund.

SMITH/MAY [3623 South Downs Trail, Charlotte NC 28215]

Sundays 5-7 pm

TOPIC: The Secret to Joy, Hope, & Relational Confidence: "Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy: Discovering The Grace of Lament"

HAWKES/DIRKS [1016 Timber Lake Dr. CLT NC 28227]

Sundays 5-7 pm

TOPIC: Mercy & Friendship Go Hand-in-Hand

BLACKMAN/PARMAN [5422 Mallard Drive S CLT, NC 28227]

Thursdays 6-8 pm

TOPIC: How To Study The Bible: J-Curve [Dying & Rising With Jesus In Everyday Life]

CLARK [12001 Stoney Meadow, Mint Hill NC 28227]

Sundays 5:00-7:30 pm

TOPIC: How to Study the Bible

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

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

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SONG OF RESPONSE

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE
Traditional Welsh ballad, W. C. Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, Victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great father of glory, pure Father of light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

BAPTISM (9AM)

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Benjamin Tuller Brian
Will & Caitlin Brian

Ryan Ray Youngblood
Daniel & Lauren Youngblood

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION (11AM)

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Liz Wagner
Bailey Wagner
Caroline Parsons

CONFESSION OF SIN

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We are self-absorbed. We blameshift, gossip, babble, and brag to make ourselves "look good." We argue about "our greatness." We lust for man's empty praise. You tell us to prize the status of 'servant,' but we get pouty and resentful when we're "the only one serving." You say that the greatest among us is 'the youngest,' but we hate it when people think of us as "young." We keep records of "how much we've served" rather than relishing, and being defined by, the fact that You are among us as the one who serves. You give us citizenship in Your Kingdom, but we don't really value it; instead we crave worldly success and popularity.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LUKE 22:32

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH
J. Kaufflin, K. Getty, M. Boswell, M. Merker

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

chorus

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

Final chorus

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SONG OF PREPARATION

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

M. Boswell, M. Papa, M. Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected as will we be when He comes
Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!

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

REV. TYLER DIRKS



PREACHING OF THE WORD

MR. JOEL MAY

"LEARNING TO LOVE WEAKNESS"

LUKE 22:24-34

I. WEAKNESS BRINGS HUMILITY

II. WEAKNESS BRINGS BLESSING

III. WEAKNESS BRINGS STRENGTH

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) What is one way you can embrace weakness and insignificance in order to serve someone else this week?
- 2) What is your response to Jesus saying that only weak people are invited to eat at his table in his Kingdom?
- 3) How does it feel to know that Satan is out there trying to cause you to doubt God's promises and shake your faith?
- 4) What does it look like to "return" to Jesus after you fail?
- 5) What is one specific way that you have been weak and failed this today? How does God use your weakness to strengthen your (and others') faith?