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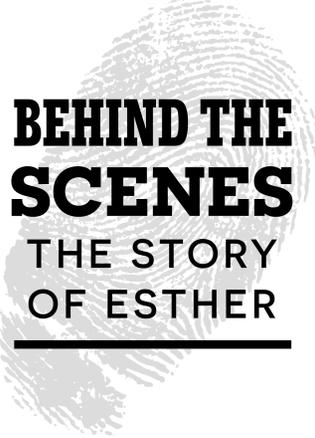


ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2022

*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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**BEHIND THE
SCENES**
THE STORY
OF ESTHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come ye sinners poor and wretched / Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power
He is able, He is able / He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome / God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better / You will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good

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.

HOLLY BLACKMAN

REV. TYLER DIRKS

COME YE SINNERS
J. Hart | M. S. Smith

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you are interested in teaching children/youth Sunday school, ages 4 all the way to 12th grade, or you're just curious about what Sunday school will be like here in our new building, join us right after the service TODAY for an information and interest meeting. Kristen Parman will lead this meeting.

ROOM IN THE INN - This ministry to the homeless is needing the donation of several winter items for its participants. Coats can be second hand in very good condition. Please see the display in the foyer where there are tags labeled with the specific size and item needs. Please grab one and return those donations to Stephanie Baker by 1/16/22 (PLEASE ENSURE ONLY ADULTS ARE TAKING TAGS FROM THE DISPLAY). Stephanie - stephrbaker92@gmail.com or 937-581-1322 - coats, hats, gloves. Jim Saunders (704-361-0973) - all other RIIN participation.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The women's study on Ruth will begin on Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022. Two time options are available, 9:30-11am & 6:30-8pm, and childcare is offered for the morning study. The study will conclude in March. Plan to join your sisters in studying God's word together in 2022!

WOMEN'S WINTER SEMINAR - Women of ECPC are invited to our Women's Winter Seminar on Saturday, February 5th from 9:30a-12p, in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time of fellowship, discussion and teaching on the subject of Sabbath Rest and how we can make that a practical practice for our souls in the midst of our day to day lives. Please RSVP by January 30th, 2022 to Stephanie Baker at stephrbaker92@gmail.com or 937-581-1322.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

JAN 02	SUNDAY WORSHIP
JAN 07	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JAN 09	SUNDAY WORSHIP
JAN 12	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JAN 14	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JAN 16	SUNDAY WORSHIP
JAN 19	YOUTH GROUP/WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WHILE NURSERY FOR CHILDREN WALKING THROUGH AGE 3 IS AVAILABLE, WE HAVE ALSO MADE A SPACE IN THE MODULE WITH COUCHES FOR NURSING MOMS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THIS SPACE AS NEEDED.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF RESPONSE

For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest
Alleluia! Allelu

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light
Alleluia! Allelu

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Alleluia! Allelu

The golden evening brightens in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed
Alleluia, Allelu

O blest communion, fellowship divine
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine
Alleluia! Allelu

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of glory passes on His way
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

FOR ALL THE SAINTS *W. H. How | C. Miner*

CONFESSION OF SIN

ALEX PARMAN

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us of our sins, for we know only too well our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that you may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach wisdom in the secret of our hearts. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

COLOSSIANS 1:11-14

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

C.L. Bancroft | V. Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am, The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING, WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE HERE AND WOULD LOVE TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER! PLEASE CONSIDER FILLING OUT A VISITOR'S CARD FOUND ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR GIVE TO TYLER OR ONE OF OUR OTHER OFFICERS. THANK YOU!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

(chorus)

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried;
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.

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

HEAL US, EMMANUEL

K. Twit | W. Cowper

ALEX PARMAN

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THE STORY OF ESTHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

"TRUE GREATNESS"
ESTHER 10:1-3

I. GREATNESS IN WEAKNESS

II. GREATNESS IN STRENGTH

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How do you honestly perceive true greatness? What seriously impresses you, and why?
- 2) Read through the Gospel accounts and answer the following questions, "What impresses Jesus (Luke 21:1-4)? What makes Him marvel (Matthew 8:10)? What does Jesus command us to rejoice, and not rejoice, about (Luke 10:20)?"
- 3) How have you personally experienced God orchestrating greatness through weakness (Luke 18 [the entire chapter])?
- 4) In what way(s) has God made you strong? How will you use that strength to serve the household of God in 2022?