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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

**PECULIAR**  
FAMILY  
1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

*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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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LINDA WILKINSON

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP - COLOSSIANS 3

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SONGS OF PRAISE

JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

*J. W. Chapman | R.H. Prichard*

Jesus! What a friend for sinners, Jesus, lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole

**chorus**

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a guide and keeper, while the tempest still is high  
Storms about me, night o'er takes me, He my pilot, hears my cry

Jesus! I do now receive, him, more than all in him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

*E. Mote | W.B. Bradbury*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

**chorus**

*On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

ROOM IN THE INN - If you claimed a tag from the small tree out front to donate a coat or other winter item through this ministry to the homeless, those donations are due today! If you were intending to participate but haven't yet, there are still a few items needed. Please see Stephanie Baker to get those donations to her (937-581-1322). Sign-up links for weekly opportunities are in the weekly email and you can see Jim Saunders for more info (704-361-0973).

PIZZA OVEN IN THE PARKING LOT - Join us Sunday, January 16th @ 4pm for a full-body fellowship gathering on the grounds. Pizza will be provided, but please bring a side or dessert if you're able and your own beverages. Footballs, frisbees, corn hole, lawn games, etc are welcome and encouraged and the fire pit will be roarin'. Please RSVP through the Sign-Up Genius in the weekly email.

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! Please let Linda Wilkinson know if you plan to attend - Linda.wilkinson87@gmail.com

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 30 to Stephanie Baker at [stphrbaker92@gmail.com](mailto:stphrbaker92@gmail.com) or 937-581-1322.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- JAN 12 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- JAN 14 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ YMCA
- JAN 16 SUNDAY WORSHIP
- JAN 16 PIZZA OVEN IN THE PARKING LOT
- JAN 19 YOUTH GROUP/WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- JAN 21 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ YMCA
- JAN 23 SUNDAY WORSHIP

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.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

HIS MERCY IS MORE  
*M. Boswell | M. Papa*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

### chorus

*Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

## BENEDICTION - NUMBERS 6

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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!

## TESTIMONY

STEPHEN REEVES

## CONFESSION OF SIN

ALEX PARMAN

BASED ON ROMANS 6:1-2, 11-14, 23

Lord, we come confessing. What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? We must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in our mortal bodies, that we obey its passions. We will not present our members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but we will present ourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life. For sin will have no dominion over us, since we are not under law but under grace. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

COLOSSIANS 1:19-22

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US  
*S. Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### SONG OF PREPARATION

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

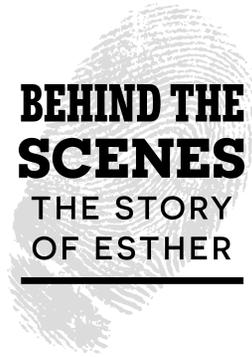
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

### 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



## BEHIND THE SCENES THE STORY OF ESTHER

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

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“LOVE LETTERS”  
1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-3

I. FROM

II. TO

III. ABOUT

#### – REFLECTION QUESTIONS –

- 1) Read 1 Thessalonians 1:9; 2:7-12. How have you personally experienced the transition from being enslaved to something, to receiving robust familial affection?
- 2) As a member of the family, how have you experienced ingrafted belonging and being deeply valued (in accordance with Isaiah 55:8), as opposed to the superficial paradigm of ‘trying to FEEL like you fit in’ (see John 12:43)?
- 3) We are very very very preoccupied with what WE want. How might you enjoy life WAY MORE by becoming obsessed with what Jesus wants (see John 17:20-24)?
- 4) What difference does it make (to the way you navigate anxiety, or battle low self-esteem, or struggle to make decisions) to know that God refuses to merely tolerate you in His family, but rather He DEMANDS that you accept the fact that He treasures you as His inheritance/ heritage?
- 5) In what specific ways have you acquired a robust taste for the WEIRDNESS of the church family? For example, how have you personally participated in the extremely BAZAAR LIFESTYLE of Living by Faith (as opposed to by sight)? Or involved yourself in the rigorous labors of love? Or clung to the assurance of things hoped for, even to the extent that you’ve hoped against hope?