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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*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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**PECULIAR**  
FAMILY  
1&2 THESSALONIANS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOURTNEY SINCLAIR

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

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PIZZA OVEN IN THE PARKING LOT - Join us this afternoon @ 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'. If pizza & fellowship isn't enough motivation for you to join us, rumor has it that the women of ECPC have challenged the rising adults to a game of kickball. Come ready to play- bragging rights are at stake!

SONGS OF PRAISE

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

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

MEN'S RETREAT - Men, mark your calendars for our annual retreat on April 28th-30th at Ridge Haven. More information coming soon!

- TODAY AT ECPC -

**9:30 AM** WORSHIP  
**11:15 AM** SUNDAY SCHOOL  
**4:00 PM** PIZZA OVEN IN THE PARKING LOT

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

O GREAT GOD  
*B. Kauffman*

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice  
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me  
Through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me

**FEB 23** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/YOUTH GROUP  
**FEB 25** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
**FEB 27** SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
**MAR 2** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/YOUTH GROUP  
**MAR 4** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
**MAR 6** SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
**MAR 9** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & YOUTH GROUP  
**MAR 11** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
**MAR 13** SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
**MAR 16** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
**MAR 18** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
**MAR 20** SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
**MAR 23** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & YOUTH GROUP

WHILE NURSERY FOR CHILDREN INFANT 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

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### SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING  
*A. R. Cousin | P. Palmertree*

The sands of time are sinking / The dawn of heaven breaks;  
The summer morn I've sighed for / The fair, sweet morn awakes.  
Dark, dark had been the midnight / But dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth / In Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty / Without a veil is seen;  
It were a well-spent journey / Though seven deaths lay between.  
The Lamb with His fair army / Doth on Mount Zion stand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth / in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain / The deep, sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted / More deep I'll drink above.  
There to an ocean fullness / His mercy doth expand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth / In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment / But her dear Bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory / But on my King of grace.  
Not at the crown He giveth / But on His pierced hand;  
The Lamb is all the glory / Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's / And my Beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner / Into His house of wine.  
I stand upon His merit / I know no other stand,  
Not e'en where glory dwelleth / In Emmanuel's land.

### BENEDICTION

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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!

## CONFESSION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EPHESIAN 1:11-14

"In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."

### SONG OF THANKSGIVING

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD  
*M. Babcock | Norton Hall Band*

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### SONG OF PREPARATION

### ROCK OF AGES (WHEN THE DAY SEEMS LONG)

S. McCracken | K. Twit

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long  
From this labor and this heartache, I have come  
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same  
Rock of Ages, I praise your name  
Rock of Ages, you have brought me near  
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears  
To make this stone heart come alive again  
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

#### chorus

*Rock of ages, Rock of ages.  
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.  
Rock of ages your will be done*

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,  
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess  
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace.  
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.  
Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.  
Who am I that you would die to make me free?  
To give me glory, you took the death and pain.  
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.  
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied  
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands.  
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.  
Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.  
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul  
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.  
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.

### 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

JUSTIN CLARK

# PECULIAR FAMILY 1&2 THESSALONIANS

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

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"THE CHURCH: WHAT IT TRULY IS"  
1 THESSALONIANS 2:17-20

I. CRAVE

II. COMBAT

III. CROWN

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) What is your first love? What do you so greatly desire that you will do whatever you gotta do to make it happen?
- 2) When was a time you were torn away from, or hindered from being with, someone (or something) you greatly desire?
- 3) How have you personally experienced Satan's hatred of God's mercy, and Satan's intense opposition of the church?
- 4) How have you found the armor of God (Eph.6) to be inescapably linked to life together with other believers?
- 5) In what specific ways do you embrace and esteem your church family as your joy and crown of boasting?