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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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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

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED  
*J. Montgomery | S. McCracken*

chorus

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

RACHEL VAUGHN

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

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

VBS REGISTRATION – Join us for "Treasured" Vacation Bible School this summer, July 18-22, 2022 from 9:30am - 12:20pm at Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church (6740 Albemarle Rd, Charlotte, NC 28212). Camp is for 4 year olds (4 as of August 31st, 2022) up to rising 5th graders. Please register by June 26th and invite your friends and neighbors using the link in the weekly email update. Contact Kristen (parman.kristen@gmail.com) with any questions or to get involved- we still have a few more volunteer opportunities!

CREW UPDATE – Crew members (a.k.a. young adults or those young at heart), Mark your calendars for Saturday May 7th at OMB (4150 Yancey Road, Charlotte, NC 28217) at noon for a nice DTR conversation about what the Crew is, what it should be, who are we targeting, etc. If you are interested in the future of the Crew (even if you feel like you "don't belong" in the Crew) RSVP to Stephen Reaves (reaves735@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP NIGHT – Ladies of ECPC, You're invited to join us for a fun evening on May 14th at 6pm! We will gather in groups of 8-10 to enjoy appetizers and fellowship with other women in the church. Please RSVP by May 8th using the link in the Weekly Update Email. Your host will contact you that week with the address and what to bring. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Vaughn (vaughnrachel@gmail.com or 980-245-6487).

- TODAY AT ECPC -

**9:30 AM** WORSHIP  
**11:15 AM** SUNDAY SCHOOL

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

**APR 27** YOUTH GROUP  
**APR 28-30** MEN'S RETREAT  
**MAY 1** SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP  
**MAY 4** YOUTH GROUP  
**MAY 6** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
**MAY 7** CREW DTR AT OMB

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.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION  
S. McCracken

### chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion, We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together, We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood, Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom

## BENEDICTION

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Juliet Wilder Hayes  
Justin & Michele Hayes

## CONFESSION OF SIN

JON WILKINSON

Father, we confess that we are wholly undeserving of your righteousness and mercy. We acknowledge with our mouths that you are Lord but attempt to lord over our own lives through our actions. We are focused on fulfilling our own aspirations rather than fulfilling the work for which you have placed us in your Kingdom. We are called to follow the example Jesus set during his time on earth, yet we do not follow this example. Though Jesus was a servant, we strive to rule. Though Jesus was humble, we are arrogant. Though Jesus was obedient to the point of death on a cross, we strive for worldly comforts. Lord, have mercy.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 69:33-36

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

HEAL US, EMMANUEL  
K. Twit | W. Cowper

(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.

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

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

#### chorus

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

### 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

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST  
*A. R. Habershon, M. Merker*

JON WILKINSON

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### PREACHING OF THE WORD

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“GOD’S HOUSE”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-28

I. GONNA BE GREAT

II. GOTTA GET ALONG

III. GOD’S WORD DIET

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) Think of a time when God’s commitment to “sanctifying you completely” felt ‘extreme,’ ‘scary,’ or ‘unnecessary.’
- 2) How, specifically, do you practice “self-protection” and “relational cautiousness” (e.g. put up walls, don’t share too much, only show people the good stuff, superficial politeness, etc.)?
- 3) How will you specifically and practically engage with, and commit to, your siblings in Christ over the course of the next 8 months?
- 4) What portion(s) of God’s Word effect you like your mom’s cooking (including the experience of your mom hassling you to eat more!)?