

What can I expect when I come?

When you arrive at E.T.A.C.H.C. you can expect to be greeted with love and fellowship from those who are part of the church family. Those who are part of E.T.A.C.H.C. have a desire to reveal the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives and to reach those who do not know Christ with the same Gospel. This is a place where one can increase their faith and knowledge of God, while engaging with other believers.

Worship Experience

The worship services begin at 11:45am Sunday morning. The atmosphere of our service is one of worship with dynamic praise. There is a pertinent message from God's Word communicated, which incorporates a high level of teaching along with preaching that is charismatic and compelling.

The Way We Worship and Praise

There are various Old Testament and New Testament terms for worship and praise in the Bible. True worship is where one interacts with the Lord through the spirit and becomes spiritually refreshed (John 4:24). We worship God to learn the methodology of fellowship with God and to reveal to others the intimacy there is in having a real relationship with God (Psm 29:2, 95:6; 99:5; Rom 12:1; Heb 12:28; 1 Tim 2:8; 1 Pet 2:5-9; Rev 4:11).

Praise according to the Bible, indicates one surrendering themselves by the extending of the hands where they express thankfulness for received benefits. This was usually accompanied with loud commemoration by way of songs and celebration where a favorable atmosphere of praise was present. Praise at times is joined by musical instruments, singing, and dancing. Praises and testimonies of God's past and present feats were given through hymns, psalms and spiritual songs. (Psm 95:1-6, 100:2-4, 117:1-2, Zeph 3:17; 150:1-6-127:6; Joh 4:23; Col 3:16, Eph 5:19; Heb 13:15).

Different ways we worship and praise at E.T.A.C.H.C.:

1. We sing with all of our hearts because:

- a. Psm. 98:4- Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
- b. Eph. 5:19- Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

2. We lift our hands and pray and/ or praise God aloud because:

- a. Psm. 134:2- Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.
- b. 1 Tim. 2:8- I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

3. We Pray and worship together because:

- a. Matt. 18:20- For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
- b. Heb. 10:24-25- And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
- c. Col. 3:16- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

4. We dance in the Spirit as a part of praise because according to the New Testament, worship and praise is now in Spirit and truth (John 4:24). Dance is a form of celebration that is recognized by every culture. We believe that as the joy of the Lord fills one's heart there are various ways in which this is expressed and dance can be one of them:

- a. Psm. 150:4- Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- b. Col. 3:17- And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

5. We utilize musical instruments because: Music and song are a product of, reflection of, and appreciation of God's word, works, and presence inside a believer. Biblical music honors God, teaches and recalls Bible doctrine, and encourages people. In church assembly, the ministry of music prepares the congregation for the ministry of God's Word (Psalm 30:4, Psalm 57:9, Colossians 3:16, 1 Chronicles 15:16; 25:1, Exodus 15:1-18, 1 Samuel 16:23, Acts 16:25, James 5:13).
 - a. 2 Sam. 6:5- And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments made of fir wood*, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.
 - b. Col. 3:16- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
6. We clap our hands and shout out loud because:
 - a. Psm. 47:1- O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
 - b. Isa. 55:12-For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
7. We believe that the power of God is real and can be felt and experienced by people. Because of this, there are different ways in which this power will be expressed when exerted on people such as:
 - a. Being overcome in a state where it is like a deep sleep Gen 2:21.
 - b. One can be in a state where it is like a trance Num 24:3-4, Acts 10:9-16, 22:13-20.
 - c. Fall upon their faces where there is not strength or physical power left within them Eze 1:28, 2:1-2; Dan 10:1-12; Rev 1:17.
 - d. Run or respond in a jubilant way that may not be understood by those who have not had a similar experience Acts 2:1-6, 12-16.

8. We anoint with oil as a point of contact for God's power for healing, sanctification, dedication and ordination.
 - a. James 5:14- Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
 - b. Lev 8:12- And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

