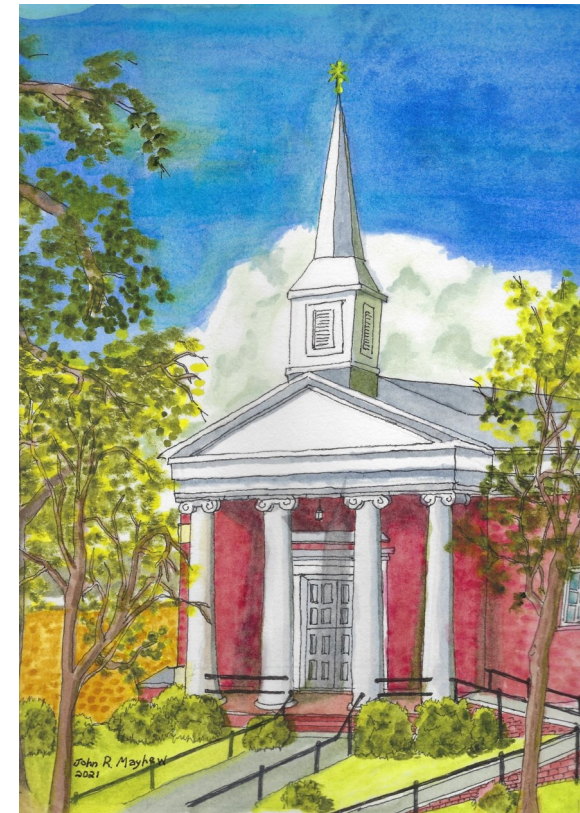


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

10:30 AM



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*Sung Response

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" No. 708 (vs 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates"* No. 93

*Sending

Brothers and sisters, as the Church of Jesus Christ, go from this place...

Knowing Christ, growing in God's love, and serving as the Holy Spirit leads.

Our sending is a recommitment to the mission of Charles Town Presbyterian

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Here I am to Worship with O Worship the King”*
(© 2001 ThankyouMusic) arr. Carol Tornquist

Call to Worship Psalm 104:31-34

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,
**Who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

*Songs *“He Is Exalted”* LUYH No. 33
“Awesome God” LUYH No. 23

Prayer of Confession (unison)

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known if was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” No. 839 (vs 1)

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music *“Coronation”* by Craig Courtney
(© 1986 Beckenhorst Press)
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* No. 286

Scripture Acts 15:1-6, 27-29 p. 1097

Message *“How to ACT Like Jesus—Not Another Meeting”*
Pastor John

*Sung Response to Message
“That We May Act Like Jesus” (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering
“There Is a Redeemer with Come, Thou Almighty King”
(© 1982 Birdwing Music) arr. Carol Tornquist

Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.

Songs listed with “No.” are found in the purple hymnal. Songs listed with “LUYH” are found in the light blue songbook

When this symbol () precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

Confessing our sins brings us to a place of humility, allowing us to hear God more clearly as we worship.

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

Prayer in worship connects us to God and to one another.

Please pass the offering plate to your neighbors in your pew.

Offering is our response to all that God has given us!

The musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.

Session News

The session met for its November stated meeting on Tuesday, November 21, and took the following actions:

- Examined officers elect. After sustaining the examination, the session set ordination and installation for worship on Sunday, January 17.
- As this was the last meeting of the year, the clerk advised the session to include in this meeting's minutes, notes that offerings are counted by two people, and that bank records are reviewed by two people. Per the clerk's request, the session received the annual statistical report for 2022, which was reviewed in February but never acted on.
- Heard a report from the November meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery. It was noted that Debbie Romano, a long-time member of Shepherdstown Church, was moved into candidacy for Ministry of Word and Sacrament at that meeting.
- Removed Judson and Jean Romine from the church rolls, per their request.
- Discussed the upcoming capital campaign, the advent and Christmas activities, the 2024 session committee assignments, and the annual congregational meeting on January 14.
- Closed in prayer and prayed for the needs of the congregation.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 26

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Children's Choir
3-5:00pm Kid's Group

Monday, November 27

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am A.A. Meeting
5:00pm Prayer Group
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

1:00pm Silver Bells
7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

6:30pm Geneva Ringers
7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:15pm Choir
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, November 30

2:30pm FCHC

Friday, December 1

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 2

2:00pm Charles Town Christmas Parade
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, December 3

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Advent Celebration and Decorate Sanctuary

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 15:1-6, 27-29

15 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. ³So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses." ⁶The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.

²⁷We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. ²⁸For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: ²⁹that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

"*Coronation*" (today's special music)

Crown Him, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.

Crown Him, the One who died and rose again to live forevermore.

Crown Him, the Bread of Life, High and Holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star.

He holds the keys of death, he holds the keys of hell.

He is ruler of the kings of earth. Crown Him, behold your King.

Crown Him the King of kings, crown Him the Lord of lords.

Crown Him the Prince of Peace, crown him the One who died, who rose again.

Crown Him to live forevermore, crown Him the Bread of Life,

High and Holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star.

He holds the keys of death, He holds the keys of hell.

He is ruler of the kings of earth, crown Him, behold your King.

See Him coming with the clouds, ev'ry eye shall see Him whom they have pierced.

See Him, who is the first and the last, Alpha and Omega, He is the Living One.

He who is and was and who is to come. He has loved us unto death.

He has freed us by His blood, He is the Mighty Son of God.

Crown Him, behold your King. Behold Him!

Behold your King, behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Crown Him!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Warmly Welcome Visitors in the name of our Lord. We invite you to tell us more about yourself by filling out a visitor's card, and placing it in the offering plate located in the narthex.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. B. Huyett, Jr. by his family.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected today to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Advent celebration/Sanctuary Decorating. Join us next Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following worship for a light lunch, followed by crafts and activities for children and families, and adults who are able to help decorate the sanctuary.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by **Wednesday, December 6th**, to sign up (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org). Cost is \$10.00, single stemmed. If you purchase a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after the 5:00 p.m. service on the 24th. Thank you.

Christmas Joy Service will be on Sunday, December 10, at 3pm. Our music ministry will present A Journey to Joy, featuring our vocal and handbell choirs. Please plan to join us.

Christmas Joy Offering, will be collected on Sunday, December 10th. Because of your generous gifts the Presbyterian Mission Agency is able to help provide brighter educational opportunities for students at historically Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges, a longstanding tradition of the church. Gifts to the offering also supported the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, a fund that stands in the gap to assist retired church leaders and their survivors in difficult times. Together, they make the Christmas Joy Offering a tribute to the leaders of our church—past and present.

The Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee is seeking an additional attendant for our nursery. This is a paid position to be filled on Sunday mornings from 10:00AM-12:00 noon. We are looking for a Christian individual, 18 years or older, who loves and respects children and is able to provide for their care during the time that parents or caregivers are worshipping. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position. ctpres@ctpres.org.

Worship Help Needed. We need help running the technology used in worship each week. We are seeking two or three people to help run the PowerPoint slides and the camera for our live broadcast. These are fairly simple tasks, and we provide training. Please speak with Pastor John or Roger Snook if you can help.

Mission and Outreach. Our Mission and Outreach Committee is involved in several projects, but we need assistance. Will you help with one of the following? Assisting with at least one Friendship Meal, which is served the first Saturday of each month; Writing letters or sending cards to our missionaries, shut-ins, and others in our church family; Leading or Assisting with our "Sock-It-To-Me" campaign to collect socks for the Jefferson County Community Ministries during November; Helping as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade. Please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411 or doyle.criswell@att.net

Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God in a simple, and secure way. You can choose from The Presbyterian Foundation, Facebook, or PayPal, each of which have a nominal fee that you can include as part of your gift. The Presbyterian Foundation fee does help the organization's mission, and you can easily use a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on Google Play/Apple AppStore) to set up for repeating or one time giving. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Donation options and tax information at www.ctpres.org (<http://www.ctpres.org>).

The flower chart for 2024 is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Kylee Low, Mary Via.

Anniversaries this week: Ken & Kathy Reim.

Prayer Concerns: U.S. troops serving worldwide. Please continue to pray for those who are sick. Missionaries supported by CTPC: Drake Williams, Mark Hare in Haiti, Michael & Cathy Sander in Eswatini. Please keep these faithful servants in prayer. **Those persons admitted to the hospital or nursing home seeking a visit from Pastor John must have a family member make contact with the church office. HIPAA law prohibits hospitals from divulging their patient roster.**

Last Sunday Worship : In-person -63; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-112.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$2,140; On-Line Giving—\$1,925; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$45; Loose—\$91; Help Fund—\$100; Facility Use—\$300; Missions/parade—\$100; Thanksgiving—\$150.

Ushers for November: Doug McDonough (head), Anne Portrey (counter)

Ushers for December: Matthew Henshaw (head), Brooks Koursey (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

December 2nd:	Charles Town Christmas Parade 2:00pm
December 3rd:	Advent Celebration /Decorate Sanctuary following worship
December 10th:	Christmas Joy Service 3:00pm
December 21st:	Longest Night Service 7:00pm
December 24th:	Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm
December 25th:	Merry Christmas! - OFFICE CLOSED
December 26th:	OFFICE CLOSED
January 1st:	Happy New Year! No Sunday School Worship at 10:30am
January 2nd:	OFFICE CLOSED

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