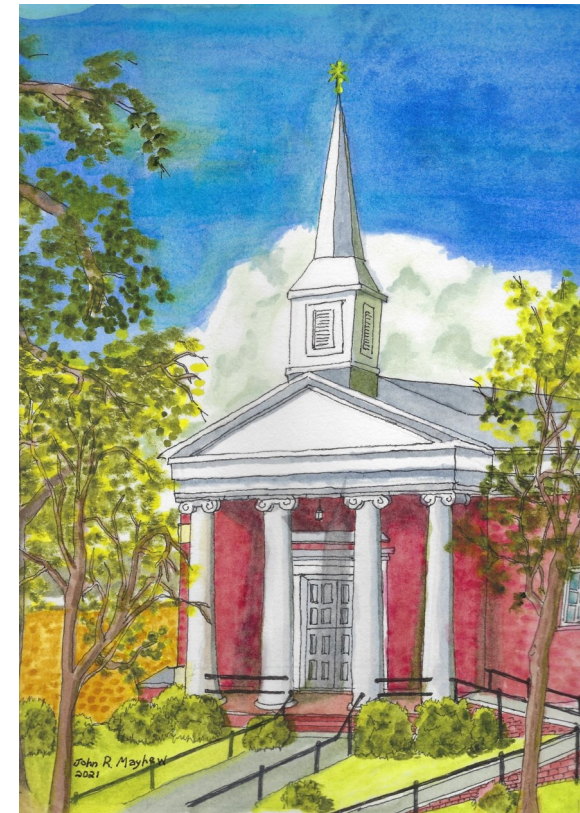


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

10:30 AM



*Sung Response

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” No. 93 (vs. 3)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” No. 119

*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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The Session

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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime"*
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Traditional Canadian-Indian Melody

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle
Christian & Lynn Pechuekonis

Sung Response *"You Are"*
You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,
Light in the darkness. My Lord, that is who You are.
You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,
Light in the darkness. My Lord, that is who You are.

*Hymn *"Blest Be the God of Israel"* No. 109

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Great God, we join our voices with David, singing of your steadfast love and faithfulness. We join our voices with Mary, saying, "You have done great things." We offer our prayers of thanksgiving to you, God of wisdom. Strengthen us with the good news that in Jesus Christ you have been with us from the beginning and will be with us until the end, that we may give you glory and honor forever and forever. Amen.

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

*Sung Response to Confession
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 83 (vs. 1)

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music *"Angels We Have Heard on High, Gloria!"*
(© 2023 Hal Leonard) Joseph M. Martin
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *"That Boy-Child of Mary"* No. 139

Scripture 2 Samuel 7:1-11 p. 305

Message *"The Promise Made"* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering by Congregation
"As with Gladness Men of Old" No. 150
Congregation (stay seated)

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.

“Angels We Have Heard on High, Gloria!” today’s special music

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may these tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new born King.

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav’n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid. With us sing our Savior’s birth.

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Sing glory to God in the highest! Sing glory to God in the highest!

All glory be to God!

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Today’s Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, “Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?

⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people

Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”” ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my

people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the

name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be

disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 24

10:30am Worship Celebration
5:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 28

2:30pm FCHC
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Monday, December 25—Merry Christmas

OFFICE CLOSED

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)

7:30am A.A. Meeting

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Friday, December 29

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 30

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

10:30am Prayer Group

Sunday, December 31

10:30am Worship Celebration

Wednesday, December 27

7:00pm CAV Meeting

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

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.

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

Next Sunday, December 31st, is 5th Sunday, the loose offering collected today will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

Christmas Eve worship will be at 5pm, and feature communion and candle-lighting.

Memorial poinsettias please remove them from the sanctuary after the 5:00 p.m. service this evening. Thank you.

Church Office Holiday Schedule. The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th, Monday, January 1st, and Tuesday, January 2nd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Capital Campaign Update: Dear Congregation Family, thank you for participating in our shared Sunday School Hour's facilities walkthrough which identified over 60 items that we could improve with your Capital Campaign contributions. There are a handful of items that don't cost us anything, and in 2024 you should look for some scheduled work days to help out in sharing your time to complete. For those wanting to make a difference sooner, you can contribute to the Capital Campaign now through your usual donation method or via the no-fee PayPal Giving Fund <https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3122728>.

Ordination and Installation of deacons and elders for the class of 2026 will take place during worship on Sunday, January 7th. Those to be ordained and installed are: Deacons: Bob Tansill; Elders: Diane Mayhew, Beth Pugh, Patsy White.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 14th. We will hear brief reports from committees, and review the 2024 budget.

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.

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/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>).

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.

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: Amy Sheetz, Amy Low

Anniversaries this week: Bill & Augusta Whitacre.

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 -67; Nursery-3; Virtual Views-44.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$4,885; On-Line Giving—\$1,703; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$34; Loose—\$139; Poinsettias—\$40; Christmas Joy—\$175.

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

CTPC Upcoming Events

December 24th:	Christmas Eve Evening 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
January 7th:	Ordination and Installation of Officers during worship
January 14th:	Annual Congregational Meeting following worship

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