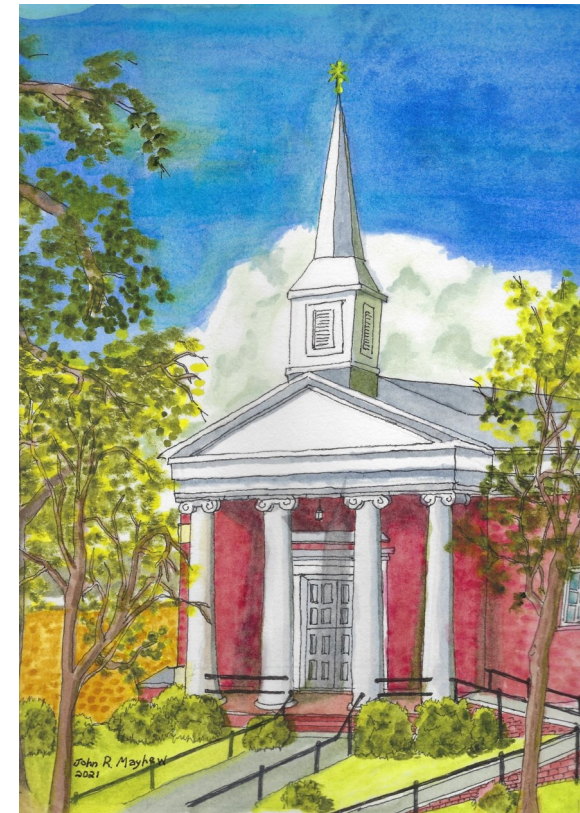


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

10:30 AM



*Sung Response

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 611 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song

“Glory”

LUYH No. 148

*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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Class of 2023
Class of 2024
Class of 2025

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Janet Harner
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Class of 2023
Class of 2024
Class of 2025

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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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Cindy Berry
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Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-4

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

**Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

*Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful!" No. 133 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Great God, we want to fulfill the law as Joseph and Mary did. We want to sing like the prophets did. We want to witness God's saving love like Simeon did. We want to tell everyone the good news like Anna did. Lead us in the ways of righteousness, that we might recognize your presence among us. We give thanks that while we know that life gives way to death, your death restores us to life. Deepen our faith so that, even as we testify to your birth, we might anticipate the eternal life you gave in your death. Teach us to obey and to serve; use us anywhere and anytime. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession
"O Come, All Ye Faithful!" No. 133 (vs 2)

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

*Song "The Snow Lay on the Ground" No. 116

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" No. 146

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 p. 998

Message "A Year of Action" David Weil

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering by Congregation
"Joy to the World" No. 134
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.

Notes:

Today's Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 31

10:30am Worship Celebration

Monday, January 1—Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSED

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

7:30am A.A. Meeting

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Tuesday, January 2

OFFICE CLOSED

10:30am Prayer Group

6:30pm A.A. District Meeting

7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, January 3

7:00pm CAV Meeting

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, January 4

2:30pm FCHC

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Friday, January 5

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, January 6

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, January 7

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

2:30-4:00pm Youth Group

4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

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.

This morning we welcome David Weil to the pulpit.

Today is 5th Sunday, the loose offering collected today will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Whitacre, who died on December 27th. May God bless those who grieve.

Memorial poinsettias if you haven't removed your poinsettia from the sanctuary, please do so following today's worship service. Thank you.

Church Office Holiday Schedule. The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1st, and Tuesday, January 2nd. 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>.

What's so Amazing About Grace? The Faithweavers invite you to join them in a ten week study of Phillip Yancey's book, What's so Amazing About Grace? Beginning January 7, the study will include a video portion followed by discussion, and will center around God giving grace to people unconditionally. The study will encompass [Bible stories](#), [anecdotes](#) from life, and accounts of historical events. The Faithweavers meet each Sunday from 9:00 - 10:00, and this study will be held in the "old" Voyagers room No. 104, beside the workroom and Pastor's office. Everyone is invited and welcome!

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.

Save Lives By Giving to the Blanket Offering for Church World Service will be collected on Sunday, January 14th. Help fight hunger and malnutrition, meet emergency needs, nurture sustainable development, assist refugees and displaced persons, and help address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness.

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.

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 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/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>).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: James MacKenzie, Bea Miller, John Bethard, Larry Lloyd.

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 -65; Nursery-5; Christmas Eve Evening worship: 105

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$4,025; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$42; Hunger—\$365; Christmas Eve—\$671; Poinsettias—\$70; Joy—\$50; Facility Use—\$20; Capital Campaign 2023—\$11,000.

Ushers for January: TBD

CTPC Upcoming Events:

January 1st: Happy New Year! OFFICE CLOSED
January 2nd: OFFICE CLOSED
January 7th: Ordination/Installation of Officers during worship
January 14th: Annual Congregational Meeting following worship
January 20th: Liston—Fellowship Hall 11-6:00pm
January 27th: Session Retreat 9:00-Noon
February 14th: Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm

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