

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

10:30 AM



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*Sung Response “We Praise You, O God” No. 612 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

Please hold the bread and the cup and partake when directed, when all have been served. Gluten free bread is in the center of the tray.

*Song “O God in Whom All Life Begins” No. 308

*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 Church.

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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 "Trumpet Tune in G" David Lasky
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Call to Worship Psalm 24:1-4
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
**For he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

*Song "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" No. 804

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
**Lord, you have made us stewards of your creation
and commissioned us to carry out your work to the
best of our ability. But we have not served you with
energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. We
withhold our gifts and live in fear. Have mercy upon
us, we pray. Make us bold to use our talents for the
sake of your kingdom, until you come in glory.
Amen.**

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

*Sung Response to Confession
"Freely, Freely" LUYH No. 136 (vs. 1 & refrain)

Children's Moment Pastor John

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "Though I May Speak" No. 693

Scripture Galatians 5:16-25 p. 1157

Message "Spirit Life" Pastor John

*Profession of Faith "Apostles' Creed" (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Communion" Charles Gounod
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The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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

While not written by the apostles the Apostles Reflects the faith of the early church. It has undergone numerous revisions attaining its final form during the 8th century.

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
Galatians 5:16-25**

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 3

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Congregational Meeting
11:30am Geneva Ringers
2:30-4:00pm Youth Group
4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

12:-00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
2:00pm Percussion
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting
7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

8:00am-5:00pm Life Line Screening
12:00pm Bible Study –Zoom
7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:00pm Glory Singers
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, November 9

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, November 10

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
9:00am New Members Class
10:30am Worship Celebration
2:30-4:00pm Youth Group
4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The Session has called for a congregational meeting today immediately following worship for the purpose of acting on the 2025 terms of call for the pastor. Copies of the terms of call are available in the narthex.

Children's Thanksgiving Offering. This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loved ones. The Apostle Paul teaches us that part of living together in community is reaching out to our brothers and sisters when they face hardships, temptation, or sorrow. Four ministries started by leaders in the Presbyterian Church serve our communities and address the needs of thousands of children each year. By participating in the Thanksgiving Offering Program, our congregation will sustain the valuable services provided by: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; Presbyterian Home & Family Services and the Family Alliance. The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 24th. Note memo line "Thanksgiving offering". As always, thank you for your generosity.

The church office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. Have a safe holiday.

An Advent Celebration for all ages will be held following worship on Sunday, December 1st. A light lunch will be served. There will be carol singing, crafts and the trimming of the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. **Please join us!**

During the Advent celebration following worship on Sunday, December 1st, we will decorate the sanctuary. Any adults wishing to help decorate would be most welcome.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by **Wednesday, December 4th**, 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 15, at 3pm. Our music ministry will present "Prepare the Way"—"The Road to Bethlehem", featuring our vocal and handbell choirs. Please join us.

Christmas Joy Offering, will be collected on Sunday, December 15th. 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.

Activity Bags for children attending Worship services are now available. Deacons will be offering them to any child attending. Children who are visiting may take the Activity Bag home with them. Children who are regular attenders will leave their bag in the Narthex to be used again the following Sunday.

Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table! The central Sacrament of our faith is Holy Communion. Preparation for this holy experience requires the hands and hearts of those willing to serve at the Lord's Table by preparing it for celebration of the Sacrament. We need your help! If you feel called to Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table please contact Lazan Rogers or any member of the Worship Team or the church office.

A nursery is available for children ages 2-5. Please see an usher if you want more information.

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>).

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 CTPC Hospitality Center has created this wish list to assist in maintenance and growth. All donations greatly appreciated!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Matthew Henshaw, Jason White, Tracey Owens, Ruth Scott.

Anniversaries this week: Marty & Carol Kable.

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—54; Nursery—5; Virtual Views—105

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.

General Offering: \$2,250; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$54; Help Fund—\$30; Hunger—\$88

Ushers for November: Kaz Feldstein (head), Alex Bethard (counter)

Ushers for December: Doug McDonough (head), Brooks Kursey (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

November 3rd:	Congregational Meeting following worship Homebound Communion
November 6th:	Life Line Screening 8:00am-5:00pm
November 10th:	New Member Class 9:00am—parlor
November 17th:	Reception of New Members during worship
November 28th:	OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving
November 29th:	OFFICE CLOSED
December 1st:	Advent Festival/Decorate church after worship
December 7th:	Charles Town Christmas parade 2:00pm
December 15th:	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:	OFFICE CLOSED

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