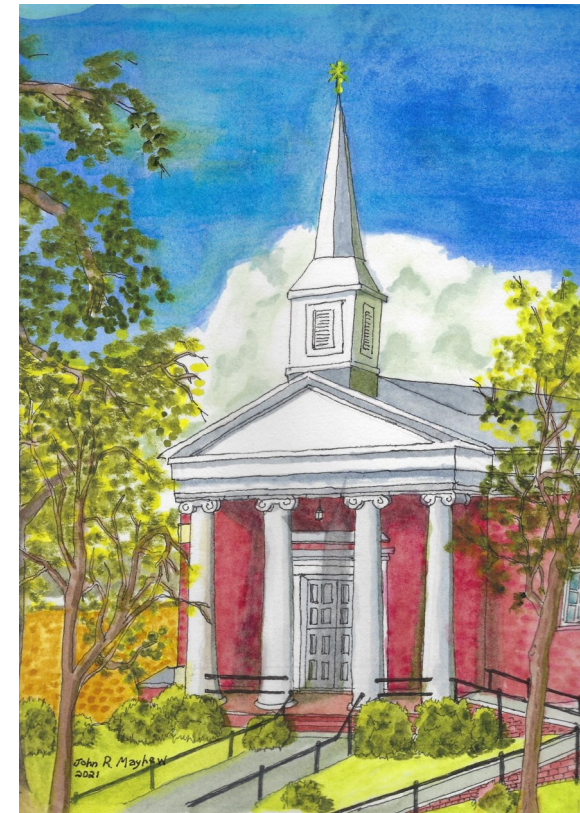


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

10:30 AM



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*Sung Response

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” No. 143 (vs. 4)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song

“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.

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Class of 2024
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Class of 2026

Board of Deacons

Alex Bethard, Kaz Feldstein, Debra Low, Doug McDonough
Judy Edwards, Sue Flanagan, Debbie Henshaw, Brooks Kursey
Bob Tansill

Class of 2024
Class of 2025
Class of 2026

Trustees

Janet Harner
Steve Bossung, Thane Van Zomeren
Margaret Kursey

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Class of 2025
Class of 2026

When directed, please come to the front of the sanctuary. The servers will tear off a small piece of bread and serve you. Please dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and an elder will bring the elements to you. Please indicate to your server if you would like to receive gluten free bread

Our sending is a commitment 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

Narration

Peter Garms

Prelude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Michael Mazzatenta
(© 2009 GIA Publications)
Silver Bells

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle
Jordan, Matt, Cameron, and Reagan Pacilla

Sung Response "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"
No. 470 (refrain)

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts
for love we only find in you, our God.*

*Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 121

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You offer us a place in your house, yet we find no room for you in our lives. You invite us into your eternal realm, yet we fail to welcome others. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your word of life be with us so that we may truly believe that nothing is impossible with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession

"From Heaven Above" No. 111 (vs. 3)

Special Music "Come, Messiah!" Lloyd Larson
(© 2020 Lorenz Publishing Co.)
Glory Singers

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music "The Shepherd's Story" Cnythia Dobinski
(© 1986 Agape Music)
Geneva Ringers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "Love Has Come" No. 110

Scripture Micah 5:2-5 p. 926

Message "Transformation" Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Jason Krug
(©2021 Grassy Meadow Music)
Geneva Ringers

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
Micah 5:2-5**

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.
³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
⁵ And he shall be their peace.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 22

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25

OFFICE CLOSED—Merry Christmas!
7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, December 26

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

Friday, December 27

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 28

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, December 29

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
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.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Bea Miller who died on December 10th. May God bless those who grieve.

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

5th Sunday, is next Sunday, December 29th, and the loose offering collected will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

Christmas Eve worship will be at 5pm, and feature communion and candle-lighting. Please plan to join us.

Congregational Meeting. The annual congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, January 12th. We will hear brief reports from committees, and review the 2025 budget.

Ordination and Installation of deacons and elders for the class of 2027 will take place during worship on Sunday, January 12th. Those to be ordained and installed are: Deacons: Gary Scott, Ruth Scott, Tommy Morgan; Deacons 2026: Matthew Henshaw, Anne Portrey; Elders: Christian Pechuekonis, Kathy Shue, Roger Snook; Elder 2025: Chris Clark.

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.

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>).

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

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: Janet Harner, Amy Sheetz.

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, Mick & 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 -75; Nursery-4; Virtual Views-328

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$3,850; Designated Offerings: Sunday School-\$42; Loose-\$ 175; Help Fund-\$40; Facility Use-\$20; Poinsettias-\$10; Restore God's House-\$200; Christmas Joy-\$220.

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

Ushers for January: TBD (head), TBD (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

December 24th:	Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm
December 25th :	Merry Christmas—OFFICE CLOSED
December 26th:	OFFICE CLOSED
January 1st:	OFFICE CLOSED
January 12th:	Ordination/Installation of officers Congregational meeting following worship

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