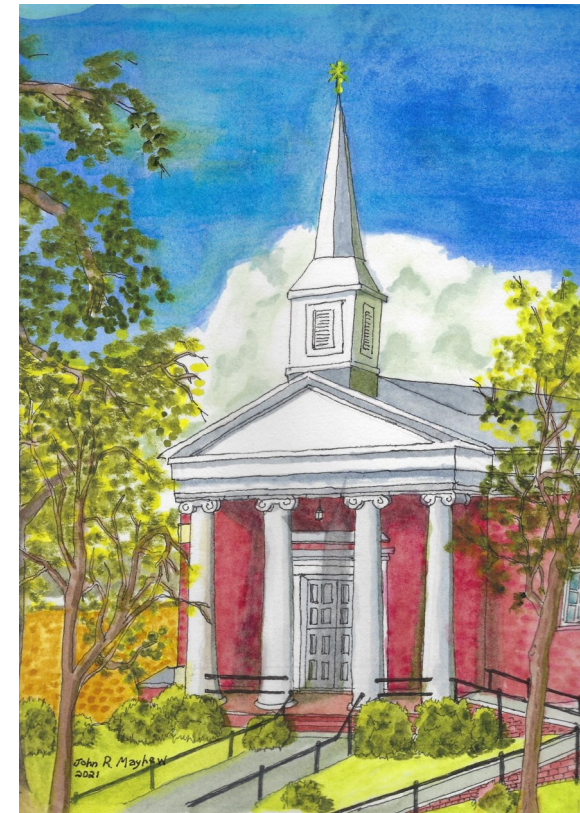


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

10:30 AM



*Sung Response

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” No. 119 (vs. 2)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice” No. 132

*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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Notes:

**Today's Scripture Reading
Luke 1:46-55**

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 29

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

Monday, December 30

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 31

10:30am Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 1—Happy New Year!

7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, January 2

2:30pm FCHC

Friday, January 3

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, January 4

5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, January 5

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 Garth Stevens-Jennings to the pulpit.

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

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.

Congregational Meeting. The session has called for the annual congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, January 12th. We will hear brief reports from committees, and review the 2023 budget. Following the meeting you are invited to stay and help take down decorations.

Save Lives By Giving to the Blanket Offering for Church World Service to be collected on Sunday, January 12th. 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.

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.

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 worshiping. 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>).

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: Amy Low, James MacKenzie.

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 –80; Nursery—0; Virtual Views—327

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$3,670; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$38; Hunger—\$300; Poinsettias—\$60; Joy—\$75.

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

Ushers for January: Brooks Kursey (head), Debbie Henshaw (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

January 1st: Happy New Year—OFFICE CLOSED

January 12th: Ordination/Installation of officers during worship
Annual Congregational Meeting following worship

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