

Sung Response to Confession “*Lay It All Down*”
Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet.
I give you my life, O Lord, I give you my soul.
Lay it all down, I lay it all down at your feet.
Whatever I’ve gained I count it as loss.
I lay it all down, I lay it all down.
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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response “*Resting in You*” (Refrain)
Resting in you, Lord, safe in your arms.
Resting in your Lord, I am safe in your arms.
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Special Music “*Good Soil*” arr. Henry Wiens
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Scripture Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Message “*Growing Weeds*” Pastor John

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
Prayer of Thanksgiving
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

Song “*City of God*”
Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great Light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*(Refrain) Let us build the city of God. May our tear be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!*

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free. (Refrain)

O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.
O city of gladness, now lift up your voice.
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice. (Refrain)

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Benediction

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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Communion today, May 2nd. Please have some bread and grape juice to share with all who are participating in the worship service. Please do not substitute the elements with anything other than bread and juice (for example, Doritos and coke is not the sacrament).

In-Person Worship Information

No Advance Sign Ups. Even just a few months ago, this would have been a necessary step, but as more and more people get vaccinated, we feel that signing up to come to worship isn't necessary.

Masks are still required. For the same reasons we still wear masks outside our homes, we expect all those worshipping to wear masks in the building.

No singing...yet. The virus is still out there, and it is spread via aerosol, meaning the water droplets that come from our noses, mouths, etc. Even with masks, singing remains a spreader activity. For now, we encourage attendees to speak the words of the songs and hymns we sing. The first moment we can sing without fear of spread, sing we shall! So hang in there, that time is hopefully coming soon!

Seating and social distancing. We are not blocking off pews, nor are we telling people where they can sit or with whom. By now, we should all know how social distancing works. We do ask that worshipers sit at least every other pew. When we serve communion, we will be bringing the bread and the cup to each person, not passing it down the pew. We need will access by way of the pew in front.

Offering. We will have offering plates available at the doors, and we ask that everyone drop their gifts into the plates as they enter. This is to limit contact.

Virtual worship will still stream. We will continue to stream worship services live over Facebook. If you don't feel well or don't yet feel safe, worship with us virtually!

Like we said in the fall, when we last attempted to open, this is a fluid situation. Please be patient. As we are able, we will relax these guidelines, and work our way toward a more familiar experience. Until such a time, we all must patiently work together.

Special note about May 9. Over the past thirteen months, several church members have gone on to glory, and many of their families were not able to have traditional funerals. During our first in-person worship service, we will have a moment during the service to remember the departed. We hope you can join us.

Wednesday Night Bible Study, May 5th, at 7:00pm.

Topic: Charles Town Presbyterian Church Bible Study

<https://zoom.us/j/96202042739?pwd=ZWt5aUhJYlBOVHJobE1RYmFoT2llQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 0204 2739

Passcode: 021517

Congregational Nominating Committee – The CNC for 2021 has begun meeting. They will prayerfully consider nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustee for the class of 2024, and at-large members of the congregation for next year’s CNC. If you have suggestions for the CNC to consider, please reach out to members of the CNC with your ideas. The 2021 CNC is Kathy Donadio, Matthew Henshaw, Jane Ishman, Henry Christie, and Stephanie Rossi.

Online Giving. Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God. In addition to the no-fee Facebook donations and nominal fee Paypal service, we set up online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation. **Money donated via any of these services gets deposited to our church bank account.** By going through the Foundation, the fee they charge actually helps the mission of their organization, which is to help Presbyterian churches to be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources. The exciting part about working with the foundation is that we are able to use a mobile app that is connected to our account. The app is called Give Plus (created by Vanco) and you can find it at the Google Play Store if you have an android device or you may find the app in the Apple app store by searching for “Give Plus.” The great part about the Give Plus app is that you can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.

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