Offering is our response to all tĥat God has given us!

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

*Sung Response "O God, You Are My God" No. 743 O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 81 *Song

*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.

Choral Benediction Response

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Mark Hayes O come, o come, Emmanuel.

Come to our hearts and in our presence dwell.

We wait in hope for peace once again. Return to us the joy of Bethlehem.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come in love, our darkness to dispel. (© 2008 Lorenz Publishing Co (ASCAP)

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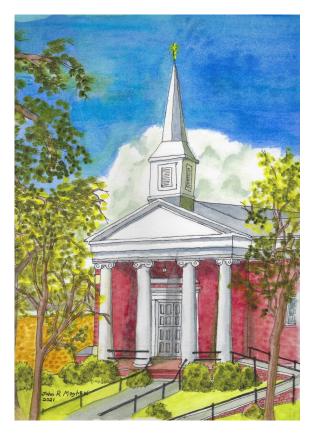
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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 10:30 AM





Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-4

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

To him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever.

When this symbol (*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Songs listed with

"No." are found

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"LUYH" are

*Song *"He Is Exalted"* LUYH No. 33

*Song *"Lay It All Down"* LUYH No. 92

*Song *"Thou Art Worthy"* LUYH No. 54

Musical Call to Worship

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Joe Galyon

Legato Handbells

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace.

Silent Confession Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Ministry Moment

*Sung Response to Confession

Advent Festival

"There Is a Redeemer" No. 443 (vs. 1)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,

And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Marsha Dibbern

Special Music

"We Believe" arr. Heather Sorenson

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Glory Singers words & music by Travis Ryan, Matthew Hooper, Richie Fike

Sung Call to Prayer "Christ Be Beside Me" No. 702 (vs. 1)
Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

*Song *"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"* No. 824

Scripture Genesis 33:14-16 p. 33

Message "Loving Others: Reconciliation" Pastor John

Musical Offering "Anthem of Rejoicing" Joseph Martin
(© 2021 Hall Loenard) (ASCAP) Stacey Nordemeyer

Glory Singers & Geneva Ringers

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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

The musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.

Confessing our sins brings us to a place of humility, allowing us to hear God more clearly as we worship. "We Believe" (Today's special music)
In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear.
There is only one foundation, we believe, we believe.

In this broken generation when all is dark, You help us see. There is only one salvation, we believe, we believe.

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back again, we believe.

So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing. And in our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back again.

Let the lost be found, and the dead be raised.

In the here and now, let love invade, let the church live loud.

Our God we'll say, we believe, we believe.

And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the power of God, has torn the veil, now we know Your love will never fail,

We believe, we believe.

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back.

He's comin' back again, He's comin' back again, we believe, we believe. (© 2013 Abundant Life Ministries; this arrangement © 2015)

NOTES:

Today's Scripture Reading

Genesis 33:14-16

¹⁴ Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."

¹⁵ So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." ¹⁶ So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

Session News

At the November 16, 2021 stated meeting of the session, the following actions were taken:

- Received as corrected, minutes of the October 19 stated meeting of the session, the October 28 called meeting of session, and the November 14 congregational meeting.
- Discussed at length the ministry funding and expense plan for 2022. After some hard work, the session adopted the plan unanimously. This will be presented for questions at the annual meeting on January 9, 2022.
- The Communicating with Technology and Worship and Music committees presented a joint motion asking for the session to approve, in principle, the installation of two monitors in the sanctuary to enhance worship. When installation and cost details are finalized, a broader scope motion will be brought to the session. The intent for using the monitors is to display lyrics, responsive readings, scripture, and other tasteful ways to enhance our worship experience. After discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 6-2 with one abstention.
- The Discipleship and Family Ministry committee submitted for session approval, updates to our Congregation and Child Protection Policy. This policy establishes the guidelines for how the church manages physical, verbal, and sexual misconduct in the life of the church. The amended policy passed unanimously.
- The Worship Committee shared that there will be one in-person worship service on Christmas Eve, at 7pm. The session agreed with this by consensus.
- The session unanimously approved a motion that there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 26. Worship will be held at the usual time, at 10:30am.
- The session did not change the current mask mandate, due to the lack of movement on local case incidence. If this situation improves over the next few weeks, the session will reconsider the mask rule.

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.

Sock it to me! Our sock collection ends today. We will present our collection to Keith Lowery on the 21st or the 28th when he will be visiting the Faith Weaver's Sunday school class.

Friendship Meals. The calendar is almost complete for 2022! Thanks to all who have offered to serve a meal next year. There are four months without servers: June 4th, August 6th, September 3rd, and December 3rd. It is still early, but if one of these dates is a date that you can serve, please let us know.

Charles Town Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4th. The parade will begin at two. CTPC will be handing out free hot dogs, nachos with cheese, coffee and hot chocolate. We will set up a tent and tables in the front of the church. We will begin to collect donations on November 13th. All contributions will help. (hot dogs, rolls, large bags of plain tortilla chips). You can bring the items on any Sunday or drop them off at the church office. If you are looking for a fun way to start off the month of December, come and help out. We will probably start cooking at ten and setting up outside. Kitchen helpers will cook hotdogs and wrap them in foil, make coffee, and run food outside to the tables. Outside helpers will greet the community, hand out food and of course watch the parade. It is a fun day for everyone. We will also hand out cards with a picture of the church and a calendar for 2022. If you are able to help, contact Diane Mayhew (304 676 2807) Kathy Donadio (571 382 4528) or Patsy White (304 725 8058).

Missionaries. Please pray for all of our missionaries, but especially the Sanders in Eswastini. There is a lot of unrest there. Lift them up in prayer whenever you can. As always, we appreciate your support of our programs. So, thank you! —Patsy White, Mission and Outreach Team.

Thanksgiving Eve Service. Please plan to join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service this Wednesday evening, November 24th, at 7:00pm.

Children's Thanksgiving Offering. This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loves 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 21st, and Wednesday, November 24th.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by Wednesday, December 8th, 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 7:00 p.m. service on the 24th. Thank you.

Sermon Passages: November 28th: Jeremiah 33:14-16; December 5th: Malachi 3:1-4; December 12th: Zephaniah 3:14-20; December 19th: Micah 5:2-5a; December 26th: TBD.

Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: 2 Thessalonians 1; Tuesday: 2 Thessalonians 2; Wednesday: 2 Thessalonians 3; Thursday: 2 Peter 1; Friday: 2 Peter 2.

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.

For electronic giving, please scan here:

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week in November: Susie Moreland, Allen Peacher, Shirley Ferguson. Anniversaries this week in November: Daniel & Linda Hart.

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.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. Sunday's Receipts: \$1,050; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$104; Loose—\$10.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person -40; Nursery-4 Virtual Views-86.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 21

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

Monday, November 22

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

Tuesday, November 23

DFM Team Meeting 7:00pm Property Team Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 24

Legato Ringers 12:30pm Zoom Bible Study 4:00pm Geneva Ringers 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm

CAV Meeting 7:00pm

8:30pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, November 25

OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving Friendship Ministry Meal 5:30pm

Friday, November 26 OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 27

Reading Group (zoom) 9:00am A.A. Meeting

8:00pm

Sunday, November 28

Education Hour (all ages) 9:00am Worship Celebration 10:30am **Decorate Sanctuary** 11:30am Zoom Meet Garth for Youth 6:30pm

and Parents