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recommitment
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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song "Joy to the World" No. 134

*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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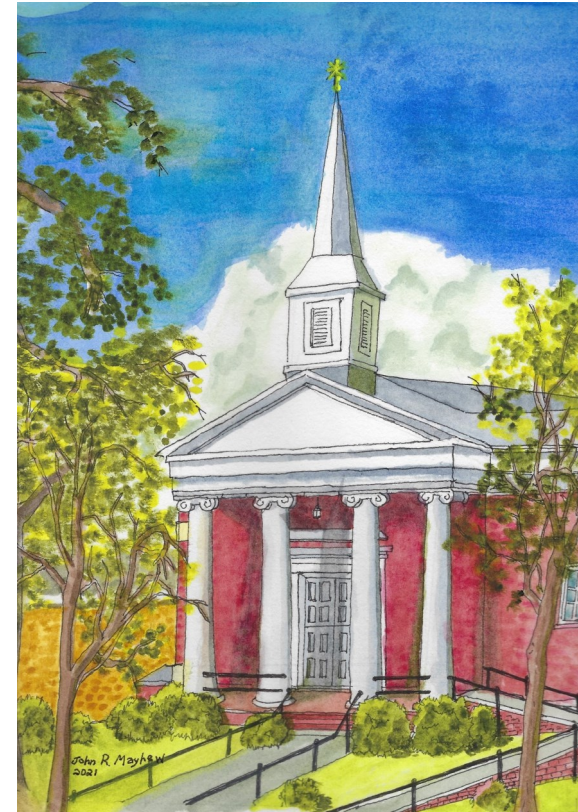
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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Song "Glory" LUYH No. 148

*Song "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" LUYH No. 48

*Song "Majesty" LUYH No. 46

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

O God, in Christ you were born a humble child, love-made-flesh, God-with-us. Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace. Help us to see your Light reflecting in the faces of friends and family, neighbors and strangers, enemies and friends, and make us shine forth with your love.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 132 (vs. 1)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Children's Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

*Song "I Danced in the Morning" No. 157
(vs. 1, refrain twice)

Sung Call to Prayer

"As with Gladness Men of Old" No. 150 (vs. 1)

As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

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 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" No. 100

Scripture Luk1 1:46-55 p. 1017

Message "Turning the World Around" Garth Stevens-Jennings

Musical Offering

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

*Sung Response "Angels We Have Heard of High"
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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.

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.

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

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.”

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 Garth Stevens-Jennings, our Children, Youth & Family Ministries Director, will be preaching this morning.

If you purchased a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after worship. Thank you.

2022 Giving Envelopes are now available in the narthex. If you give with a check, envelopes are not necessary. If giving with cash, please write your name on an envelope to enable us to credit your giving statement properly.

Church Office Holiday Schedule. The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27th, and Friday, December 31st, and Monday, January 3rd. Happy New Year!

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.

Sermon Passages: January 2nd: Ephesians 1:3-14; January 9th: Acts 8:14-25; January 16th: John 2:1-11.

Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: Revelations 19; Tuesday: Revelation 20; Wednesday: Revelation 21; Thursday: Revelation 22.

For those who wish to continue with the Bible reading plan in 2022, you can access or download the document [here](#). This plan is a little different than the 2021 plan. The 2021 plan had only five readings per week, and we were able to finish the entire New Testament. The 2022 plan has two readings every day, and they are a little longer, but we will read through the whole Bible in a year. If you read through the 2021 plan, it is okay to use this plan but skip the New Testament readings. These are the readings from which Pastor John will do his daily devotions each morning on the church Facebook page. Happy New Year!

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: Amy Sheetz, Amy Low.

Anniversaries this week: Bill & Augusta Whitacre.

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: \$5,219; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$54; Poinsettias—\$60; Christian Ed—\$40; Christmas Help 2021—\$525; Help Fund—\$300; Joy—\$30.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person—51; Nursery—1; Virtual Views—81

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 26

9:00am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30am Worship Celebration

Wednesday, December 29

7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:30pm A.A. Meeting

Monday, December 27

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

Friday, December 31

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, January 1—Happy New Year!

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Sunday, January 2

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