

*Please hold the
bread and the
cup and partake
when directed,
when all have
been served.
Gluten free
bread is in the
center of the
tray.*

*Our sending is a
recommitment
to the mission of
Charles Town
Presbyterian*

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

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

"Joy to the World"

No. 266

*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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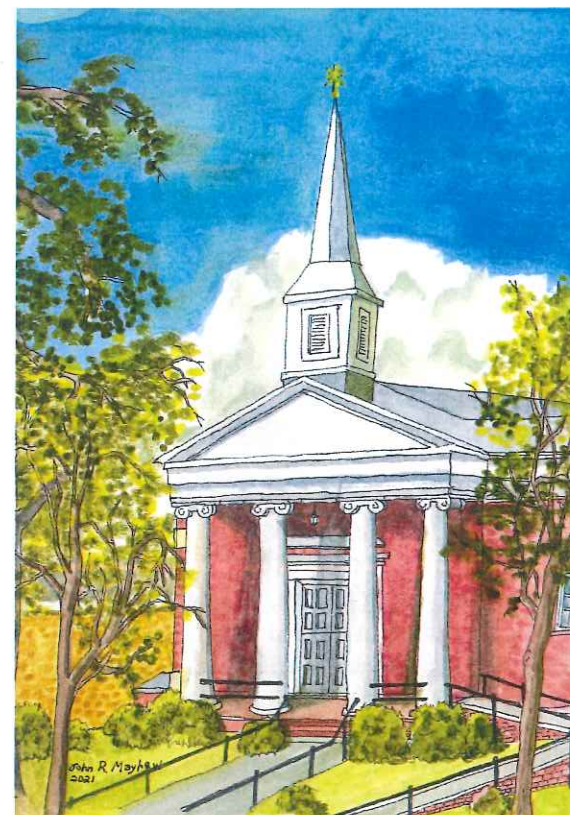
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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

Songs listed with
"No. " are found
in the purple
hymnal. Songs
listed with
"LUXH" 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 humil-
ity, allowing us
to hear God
more clearly as
we worship.

The congrega-
tion responds in
song because
God hears our
prayer.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Prelude "What Child Is This?" arr. Phillip Keveren
(© 2020 Burton Ave Music) 16th Century English Melody

Welcome and Announcements

*Song "Love Has Come" No. 110

*Song "He Came Down" No. 137

Lighting of Second Advent Candle Rebecca & George Karos

Musical Response "Light of Peace" from Candles and Carols
(© 2008 Lorenz Publishing Company (ASCAP)
Glory Singers & Congregation (see insert)

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

"Prepare the way of the Lord," your prophet says to us.
Forgive us when we have failed to prepare your way. Forgive
us when we have stood in your way, instead: when we let
the challenging words of your prophets roll off of lives,
rather than let them spark change; when we walk around a
neighbor in need, rather than encounter a chance for
compassion. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us assurance that
the glory of your coming does not depend upon the
righteousness of your followers. Forgive us, O Lord, and free
us to try again.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 129 (vs. 3)
This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fill the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death
He saves us and lightens every load.

Children's Moment

Special Music "What a Beautiful Name" Fielding/Ligertwood
(© Hillsong Publishing, So essential Tunes, All Essential Music, Be Essential Songs, Hillsong Music Publishing Australia)
Penny LaRue

Sung Call to Prayer "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts" No. 470
(refrain & vs. 2)

(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.

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God.

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 king-
dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Song "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 366

Scripture Malachi 3:1-4 p. 954

Message "Previews" Pastor John

Musical Offering "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
(© 2017 Alfred Music) arr. Carol Thornquist

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

*Sung Response

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 93 (vs. 1)
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

Prayer in
worship
connects 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!

“What a Beautiful Name” (today’s special music)

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

(What a Beautiful Name lyrics© Hillsong Publishing, So essential Tunes, All Essential Music, Be Essential Songs, Hillsong Music Publishing Australia)

Today’s Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

3 “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

“Light of Peace”

Choir Only

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies.
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Lamb of God and Child of Peace, born that war and strife may cease.
Born our Brother to become, born that we might live as one.
Born that we may one day see peace on earth and harmony.
Born to us, with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Choir and Congregation

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Choir Only

Sing gloria to the newborn King!

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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.

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.

Christmas Joy Service will be Sunday, December 12, at 7pm. This year, the service will have a different tone. There will be plenty of music but also an emphasis on prayer and personal peace and encouragement during the holidays. It will be different than what we are used to, but still very uplifting and joyful!

Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve, worship will be at 7pm, and feature communion and candle-lighting. It's hard to believe this is the first in-person Christmas Eve service in two years! We are only doing one service because many people are still choosing to worship virtually due to the pandemic.

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.

Missionaries. Please pray for all of our missionaries, but especially the Sanders in Eswatini. 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.

Sermon Passages: 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: Revelation 4; Tuesday: Revelation 5; Wednesday: Revelation 6; Thursday: Revelation 7; Friday: Revelation 8.

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:



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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week in December: George Tabb, Megan Henshaw, Meredith Hunt, Rachel Tansill

Anniversaries this week in December: Frank & Kathy Donadio

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: \$2,475; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$24; Hunger—\$35; Thanksgiving—\$315; Loose—\$130; Poinsettias—\$50; Pledge offering 2022—\$2,200

Last Sunday Worship: In-person —62; Nursery—1; Virtual Views—90.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 5

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Advent Festival

Monday, December 6

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

Tuesday, December 7

7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, December 8

10:00am Quilting Group
12:30pm Legato Ringers
4:00pm Zoom Bible Study
6:30pm Geneva Ringers
7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:30pm Glory Singers
8:30pm A.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 11

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

Sunday, December 12

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
7:00pm Christmas Joy Celebration