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recommitment
to the mission of
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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 119

*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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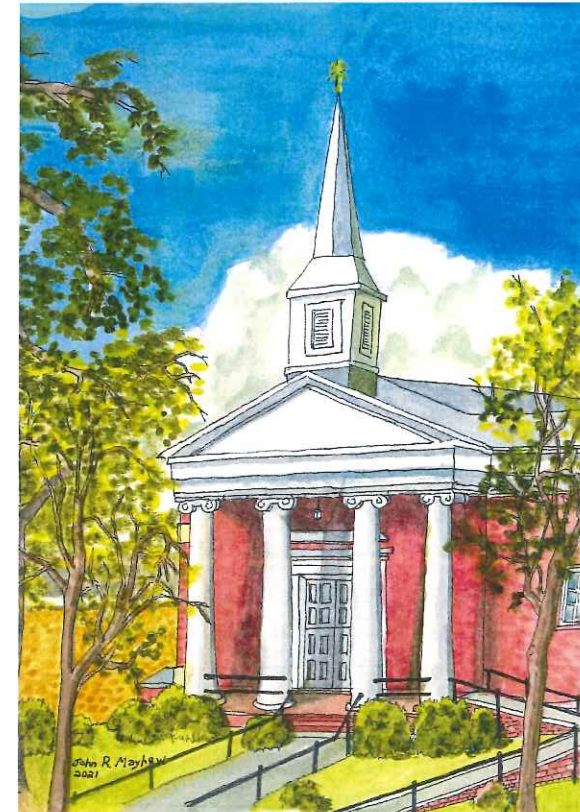
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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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

“Light of Love”

Solo or Choir Only

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine.
Love came down at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Choir Only

Love was born at Christmas in a simple cattle stall.
Love is born this Christmas in the hearts of one and all.

Choir and Congregation

Love be our example, love be yours and love be mine;
Love for one another with the love of God divine.

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“Mary on a Mountain” (Today’s special music)

Mary on a mountain, Mary on a hill, listnin’ to the sound of a lonely whippoorwill;
Angel come from heaven, says she gonna be Mother of a child who will make the people free.
And he will be sweeter than a rose, and he will shine brighter than a star;
His love will flow wider than the widest sea, and he will make the people free.

Mary on a mountain, gazin’ at the sky, wond’rin’ ‘bout the baby comin’ by and by;
Time is getting’ nearer, time is gettin’ nigh, soon she will be hummin’ A Christmas lullaby.
For he will be sweeter than a rose, and he will shine brighter than a star;
His love will flow wider than the widest sea, and he will make the people free.

Mary on a mountain, stars a twinkling’ round, lookin’ from the mountain down upon a town.
Bethlehem below her, heaven up above; baby soon a comin’, Son of heaven’s love.
And he will be sweeter than a rose, and he will shine brighter than a star;
His love will flow wider than the widest sea, and he will make the people free.

Mary in a stable, baby in the hay; kings abringin’ gifts and shepherds on the way;
Mary is a smiling’, glad that she can be Mother of a child who will make the people free.
And he will be sweeter than a rose. And he will shine brighter than a star;
His love will flow wider than the widest sea, and he make the people free.

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Today’s Scripture Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

- ² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.
³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
⁵ And he shall be their peace.
When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men.

NOTES:

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.

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.

If you purchased a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after the 7:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. 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 Friday, December 24th, Monday, December 27th, and Friday, December 31st. Merry Christmas and 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: December 26th: TBD; 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 14; Tuesday: Revelation 15; Wednesday: Revelation 16; Thursday: Revelation 17; Friday: Revelation 18.

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 December: Janet Harner, Justin Hardy, Briana Pizzuti

Anniversaries this week in December: Marty & Katherine Hunt, Bob & Rachel Tansill, Michael & Sharon Stevens.

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: \$8,598; On-Line Giving: \$893; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$59; Loose—\$16; Poinsettias—\$110; Music Programs—\$175; Joy—\$995; Christmas Help 2021—\$1,948.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person —66; Nursery—4; Virtual Views—07; Beulah Chapel—10; Joy—71; Virtual Views—40.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 19

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

Monday, December 20

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

Tuesday, December 21

7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 22

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

Thursday, December 23

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Friday, December 24

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 26

10:30am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Worship Celebration