

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!

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

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Musical Offering

“Near to the Heart of God” Cleland B. McAfee
arr. Martha Mier
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Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

*Sung Response

“Great God of Every Blessing” No. 694 (vs. 1)
Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* No. 65

*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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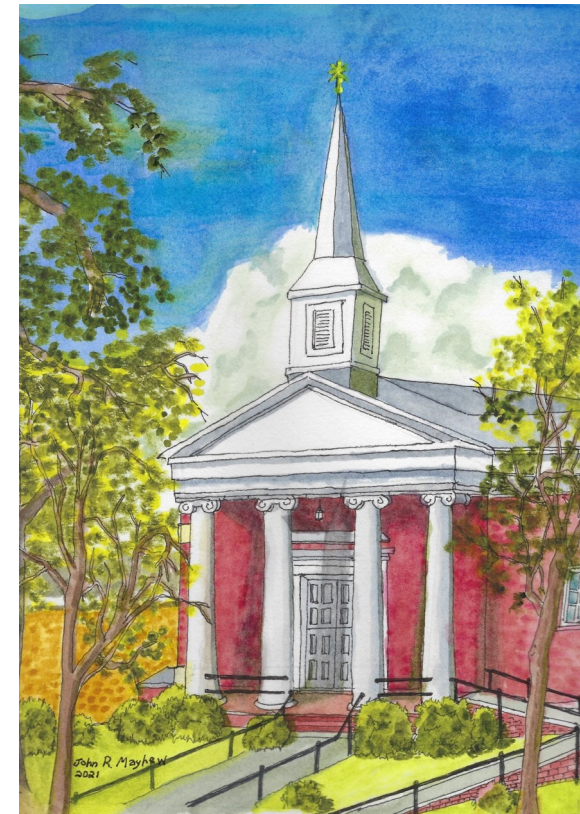
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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022
10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Amazing Grace” from Virginia Harmony
arr. Martha Mier
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Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-3, 5a
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
Let them praise the name of the Lord!

*Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” No. 263

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Almighty God, though you lovingly tend us, we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit. Our consumption poisons the earth. Our violence threatens our neighbors. Our greed exploits the poor. We must seem a waste of time, but don’t give up on us yet, O God. In your power to abundantly pardon, forgive us for the sake of Christ, and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon...
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession
“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” No. 423 (vs. 1)
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music “Love Medley” arr. Marilyn Ham
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Sung Call to Prayer
“More Love to Thee, O Christ” No. 828 (vs. 1)
More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
More love to thee, more love 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.

*Hymn “Just as I Am, without One Plea” No. 442

Scripture Luke 13:1-9 p. 1037
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 p. 1137

Message “Consequences” David Weil

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.

The sung call to prayer gets us ready to bring our prayer request to God.

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

Tools for a Growing Faith

All are welcome to join us for this six-week study during Lent. Each week will focus on a different topic that is integral to personal discipleship and spiritual growth. This series will be led by Pastor John and Garth Stevens-Jennings. Participants are welcome to attend one, several, or all of the meetings. While the whole series will be of benefit to all who attend, if there are one or two topics that stand out, it is fine to attend only those weeks.

We will meet in the church parlor on Saturdays at 10am.

March 26 Study, meditation, solitude

April 2 Spiritual Gifts and Service

April 9 Sharing Our Faith

Questions? Email Pastor John at jbethard@ctpres.org,
or Garth at garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org.

We will follow the most recent pandemic guidelines adopted by the session.

Notes:

Today's Scripture Readings

Luke 13:1-9

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

10 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 we welcome David Weil to the pulpit.

Thank you to Rose Ann Glover, our guest accompanist.

The session is looking for a treasurer. Duties include: attending quarterly Joint Finance Team Meetings, ensuring all bookkeeping procedures are being followed, presenting quarterly reports to the Joint Finance Team, and ensuring the annual financial review is completed and presented to Session. This person should be versed in financial practice and able to commit to the tasks outlined above. Interested persons are welcome to contact the chair of the finance committee, Kathy Donadio, at feebler8@gmail.com.

The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun work on securing nominees for elders, deacons, trustees, and at-large members for next year's nominating committee. If you have suggestions for persons the CNC might consider, please be sure to speak with Sue Flanagan, Hoyle Fulbright, Diane Mayhew, David Weil or Patsy White.

Memorial or Honorarium Lilies. Lilies are available this year to be placed in the sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday, April 17th. Please call or email the church office (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org) by **Wednesday, March 30th**, to place an order. Cost is \$15. Pet owners, please be advised that lilies are toxic to our pets when ingested. Please take necessary precaution.

Sermon Passages: March 27th: Psalm 32; April 3rd: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: James 1-2; Psalms 50; Tuesday: James 3-5; Psalms 51; Wednesday: Joshua 1-3; Psalms 52; Thursday: Joshua 4-6; Psalms 53; Friday: Joshua 7-9; Psalms 54; Saturday: Joshua 10-12; Psalms 55; Sunday: Joshua 13-15; Psalms 56.

The flower chart for 2022 is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

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.

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 Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on the Google Play or Apple App Store. You can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! Note: If you were previously using the "Give Plus" app, that has been superseded by the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement as of January 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you. **For electronic giving, please scan here:**



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Emily Rogers, Julia McDonough, Bethany Hollida, Peyton LaVallee.

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: \$7,749; On-Line Giving—\$800; Special Offerings: Loose—\$44; Sunday School—\$20; Facility Use—\$250.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person—51; Nursery—2; Virtual Views—89

Ushers for March: Anne Portrey, Tommy Morgan

Ushers for April: Judy Edwards, Debra Low

CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 26th: Tools for Growing Faith 10:00am

April 2nd: Tools for Growing Faith 10:00am
Friendship Ministry Meal 5:30pm

April 9th: Tools for Growing Faith 10:00am

April 10th: Palm Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt following worship
Beulah Chapel 1:30pm

April 14th: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

April 15th: Community Cross Walk at Asbury UMC 10:00am

April 17th: Resurrection Sunday—One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Community Sunrise Service at Jefferson Memorial Park 6:30am

April 18th: OFFICE CLOSED

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 20

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

3-5:00pm Kid's Group

Monday, March 21

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, March 22

7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

7:00pm Property Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 23

13:30pm Legato Ringers

6:30pm Geneva Ringers

7:00pm CAV Meeting

7:30pm Glory Singers

8:30pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, March 24

8:30-9:30am WW Workshop

10-11:00 WW Workshop

5:30 pm Friendship Ministry Meal

5:30-6:30pm WW Workshop

Saturday, March 26

10:00am Tools for Growing Faith study

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, March 27

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

3-5:00pm Kid's Group