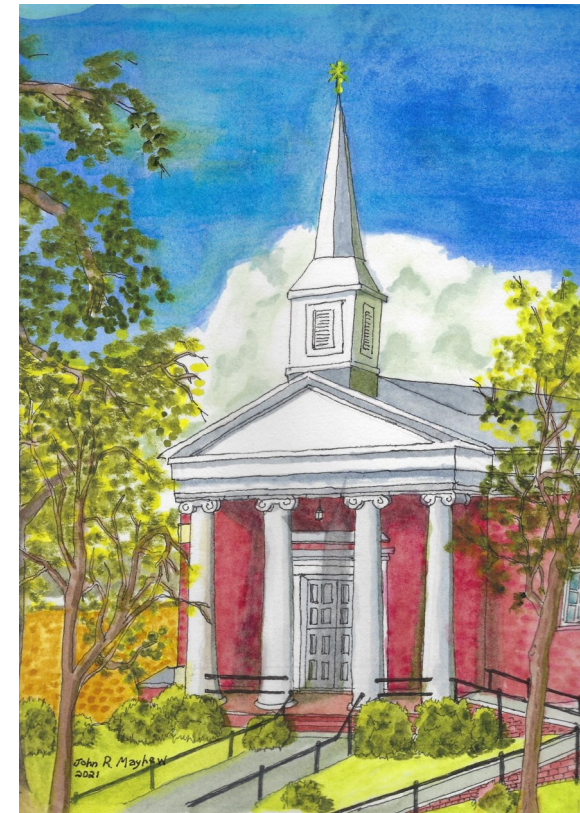


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

10:30 AM



*Sung Response

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" No. 708 (vs. 1)
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

No. 649

*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.

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

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Know. Grow. Serve.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Prelude

"Your Grace Finds Me with Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

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arr. Victor Labenski

Call to Worship

Psalm 32:1-3, 10

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the name against whom the Lord counts
no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast
love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

*Songs

"In the Secret"

LUYH No. 107

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" LUYH No. 76

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world where all know dignity and all are treated as your beloved children.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession

"Have Mercy, God, upon My Life" No. 421 (vs. 1)

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:

Pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin.

Children's Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Choral setting

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Lloyd Larson

Glory Singers

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

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" No. 663

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

p. 663

Message

"It's Your Choice"

Pastor John

Musical Offering

"Amazing Grace"

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arr. Martha Mier

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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.

Please pass the offering plate to your neighbors in your pew.

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

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.

“This Is Amazing Grace” (today’s special music)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love.
That You would take my place. That You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life. That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for. All that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice.
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance.
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love.
That You would take my place. That You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life. That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for. All that You've done for me.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy, worthy, worthy.

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love.
That You would take my place. That You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life. That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for. All that You've done for me.

All that You've done for me.
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Today’s Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

- 11 Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.
- 2 Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.
- 3 If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves on the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
- 4 He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.
- 5 As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a
woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.
- 6 In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you
do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be
good.
- 7 Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.
- 8 So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him
remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.
- 9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days
of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But
know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.
- 10 Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for
youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

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.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected next Sunday, September 25th, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, October 22nd, 4:30-7:00 pm, for fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked bean, desserts, and drinks provided. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries.

Bible study has resumed on Wednesday's, at 4:00pm, via Zoom. Anyone who would like to join the study and needs the login information can email Pastor John at jbethard@ctpres.org.

Are you receiving emails for the church office? Has your contact information changed? To update your information please email the church office at ctpres@ctpres.org. Thank you.

Sermon Passages: September 25th: Ecclesiastes 12:1-14; October 2nd: 2 Timothy 1:1-14; October 9th: 2 Timothy 2:1-15; October 16th: 2 Timothy 2:16-24; October 23rd: 2 Timothy 3:1-17; October 30th: 2 Timothy 4:1-8.

Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: John 4-6; Psalms 137; Tuesday: John 7-9; Psalms 138; Wednesday: John 10-12; Psalms 139; Thursday: John 13-15; Psalms 140; Friday: John 16-18; Psalms 141; Saturday: John 19-21; Psalms 142; Sunday: Daniel 1-3; Psalms 143.

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: Louise Spitzer, Laurie Bethard, Tiffany Burns, Wayne Thompson, David Weil, Lucas Kropf.

Anniversaries this week: Gary & Ruth Scott.

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.**

Last Sunday Worship: In-person -83; Nursery-5; Virtual Views-53.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
Sunday's Receipts: \$1,823; On-Line Giving—\$2,265; Special Offerings: Loose—\$87; Sunday School—\$49; Homecoming Jubilee—\$200; 235 Polo shirts—\$349; Scrubbies—\$5.

Ushers for September: Matthew Henshaw, Doug McDonough

Ushers for October: Jason Mullens, Kaz Feldstein

CTPC Upcoming Events:

October 16th: New Members Class 9:00am

October 22nd: Yokefellows BBQ dinner 4:30-7:00pm

November 6th: 235th Homecoming Jubilee

November 23rd: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm

November 24th & 25th: OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving

November 29th: Life Line Screening 8-5pm

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 18

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
3-5:00pm Kid's Group

Monday, September 19

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
6:30pm Prayer Group
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

4:00pm Bible Study
6:30pm Geneva Ringers
7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:15pm Choir
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, September 22

9:30am Staff Meeting
9:00am WW Workshop
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Saturday, September 24

8:30am WW Workshop
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, September 25

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
3-5:00pm Kid's Group