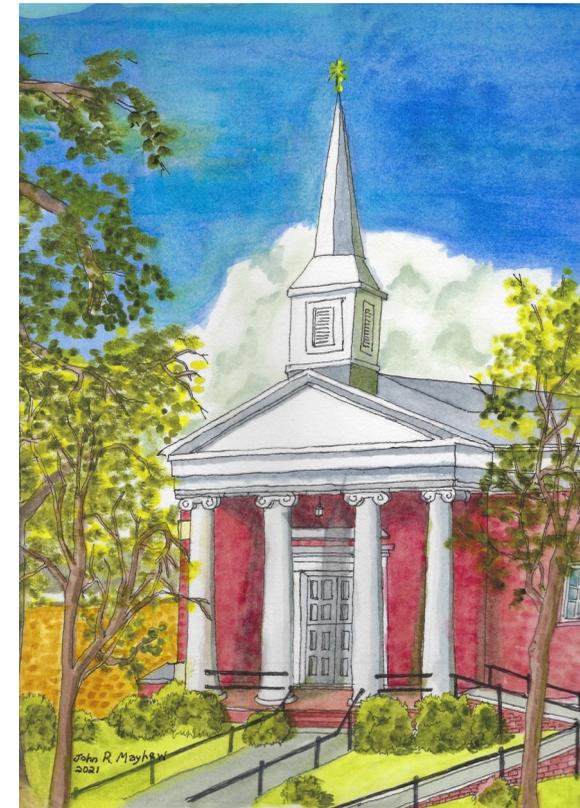


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

10:30 AM



*Sung Response

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn *“Soon and Very Soon”* LUYH No. 142

*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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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)
"Holy, Holy, Holy/Fairest Lord Jesus"
arr. Suzanne Bentley
Pat Dick

Call to Worship Psalm 40:1-3
I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
**Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

*Songs "You Are Here" LUYH No. 18
"I Will Sing of the Mercies" LUYH No. 75
"Surely It Is God" LUYH No. 81

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
O Christ, you praised the gift of the widow, who had so little
and gave it all. Forgive us, O Christ, for turning our eyes
away from people who are trapped in poverty. Forgive us, O
Christ, for turning our resources into reasons for pride or
greed. Forgive us, O Christ, and by your forgiveness, teach us
to follow in your way of generosity.

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

*Sung Response to Confession
"We Are Forgiven" No. 447
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Ministry Moment Christmas Project Cy Staniec

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
attributed to Martin Luther
Pat Dick arr. Fred Bock

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 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 738

Scripture Psalm 9:15-20 p. 532

Message "We Are Not In Control" Garth Stevens-Jennings

Musical Offering
"Everlasting God with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
(© 2005 ThankYouMusic) arr. Victor Labenske

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

*The congrega-
tion 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 humil-
ity, allowing us
to hear God
more clearly as
we worship.*



Christmas Mission Project

For 2022, the Mission and Outreach committee decided to shift direction with our Christmas mission project. For decades, we have participated with the Shoebox ministry run by Samaritan's Purse. Support for that has waned over recent years, so the committee decided to take a break and do something different.

For 2022, the committee has decided to help two families headed by single parents. One family has three children, the other two. Both families struggle to make ends meet, and they have a particularly challenging time at the holidays. Additionally, both parents have had medical issues, making it hard for them to work consistently and provide for their children as they would like.

We are going to raise money for both families, and give them gift cards to stores the parents would like to shop at. Last year, we did all the shopping for one family that had an emergency need. And while that is fun for us, giving the parents gift cards empowers the parents to have more control over the situation. Plus, they know their children better than we do. They get to shop for their children, which is an immense joy for many parents. In addition to the gift cards, we'd like to give each family Christmas-themed gift baskets with small gifts that will brighten their Christmas. My family will be contributing wrapping paper for both families, so we don't end up giving them forty rolls of wrapping paper. We want to give them things that might go into stockings, or make the season more fun – candy canes, small chocolates, hot chocolate mix, etc. You get the idea.

The goal for this project is ambitious: \$2000, which we will split between the families. That may seem like a lot of money, but many of us spend far more than that on just our own household at Christmas. The baskets will be in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 6. Checks for this project should be marked "Christmas Mission" in the memo.

What I love about this year's project is that it is local. We are making an impact on people in our community. It builds relationships and demonstrates the love of Christ in a practical way that will bless people in big ways.

Today's Scripture Reading Psalm 9:15-20

- ¹⁵ The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.
- ¹⁶ The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. *Higgaion. Selah*
- ¹⁷ The wicked shall return to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.
- ¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
- ¹⁹ Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;
let the nations be judged before you!
- ²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD!
Let the nations know that they are but men! *Selah*

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.

This morning we welcome Garth Stevens-Jennings to the pulpit.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond Frazier by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The session has called for a congregational meeting next Sunday, November 20th, immediately following worship for the purpose of acting on the 2023 terms of call for the pastor. Copies of the terms of call are available in the narthex.

Thanksgiving Eve Service. Please plan to join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday evening, November 23rd, at 7:00pm.

Children's Thanksgiving Offering. This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loved ones. The Apostle Paul teaches us that part of living together in community is reaching out to our brothers and sisters when they face hardships, temptation, or sorrow. Four ministries started by leaders in the Presbyterian Church serve our communities and address the needs of thousands of children each year. By participating in the Thanksgiving Offering Program, our congregation will sustain the valuable services provided by: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; Presbyterian Home & Family Services and the Family Alliance. The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 20th, and Wednesday, November 23rd. Note memo line "Thanksgiving offering". As always, that your for your generosity.

The church office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th. Have a safe holiday.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by Wednesday, December 7th, 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 December 24th, or following worship on Christmas Day. Thank you.

The History of the Charles Town Presbyterian Church, is a book written by Michael Thompson in 1987. In commemoration of our 235th Homecoming Jubilee, the book has been updated with an addendum that includes information spanning the years 1988-2022. The updated book will be available for purchase for \$15.00, in the Faithweavers classroom or the church office.

Mission and Outreach News! We have started filling in the calendar for the Friendship meal 2023. It may seem early, but the new year is just around the corner. We still are looking for servers for these months: March 4th, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, September 2nd, and December 2nd. If you can help on any of those dates please let Patsy White (304-671-4408) or Kathy Shue (703-868-7676) know. Also the annual Christmas parade is on Saturday, December 3rd, at 2pm. There will be a sign up sheet on the piano in the front of the church. Check the list and sign up to donate hotdogs, rolls, hot chocolate and plain tortilla chips. This is a chance for us to greet the community and serve some free food. It is always a fun day!

2023 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.

Sermon Passages: November 20th: Philippians 2:1-11; November 27th: Isaiah 2:1-5; December 4th: Matthew 3:1-12; December 11th: Isaiah 35:1-10; December 18th: Matthew 1:18-25; December 25th: TBD.

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! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.

For electronic giving, please scan here:



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: June Adams, Betsy Wall.

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 -119; Nursery-0; Virtual Views-109.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.

Sunday's Receipts: \$6,419; Special Offerings: Loose-\$177; Help Fund-\$130; Hunger-\$10; Thanksgiving-\$10; Christmas Mission Project-\$5.

Ushers for November: Hoyle Fulbright (head), Anne Portrey, Alex Bethard

CTPC Upcoming Events:

November 20th: Congregational Meeting following worship

November 23rd: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm

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

November 27th: Advent Festival following worship 11:30am

November 29th: Life Line Screening 8-5pm

December 3rd: Charles Town Christmas Parade 2pm

December 11th: Comfort and Joy Service 4:00pm (snow date December 18th)

December 18th: Beulah Chapel

December 23rd: OFFICE CLOSED

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm

December 25th: No Sunday school, worship 11:00am

December 26th: OFFICE CLOSED

December 30th: OFFICE CLOSED

January 1st: NO Sunday school, worship 11:00am

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 13

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

3-5:00pm Kids Group

Monday, November 14

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

6:30pm Prayer Group

7:00pm Technology & Communications

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 16

9:30am Staff Meeting

4:00pm Bible Study

6:30pm Geneva Ringers

7:00pm CAV Meeting

7:15pm Choir

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, November 17

9:00am WW Workshop

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Saturday, November 19

8:30am WW Workshop

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, November 20

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

11:30am Congregational Meeting

3-5:00pm Kids Group