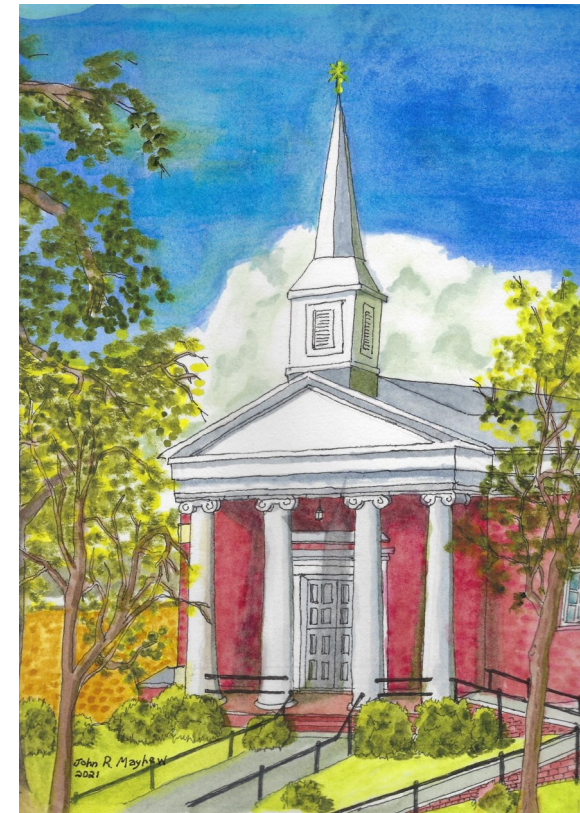


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 *"O for a World"* No. 372

*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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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)
“Come, Let Us Sing” Jody W. Lindh
(© 1989 Choristers Guild)
Glory Singers

Call to Worship Psalm 41:1-3, 13
Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;
**The Lord protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**
The Lord sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

*Songs “He Is Lord” LUYH No. 150
“There Is a Redeemer” LUYH No. 78

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a source of light on the way to peace.

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.

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Ministry Moment Advent Festival Marsha Dibbern

Special Music “Sontatina No. 1” Michael Helman
(© 1999 The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers)
Geneva Ringers

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 “At the Name of Jesus” No. 264

Scripture Philippians 2:1-11 p. 1165

Message “The Perfect King” Pastor John

Musical Offering
“How Majestic Is Your Name”
(© 1981 Meadowgreen Music) arr. Glenda Austin

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.



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.

"Come, Let Us Sing" (today's prelude)

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord ev'ryone!

Sing to the Lord, bless the Name! Tell what God has done!

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

Sing to the Lord, lift up your voice! Praises all around!

Sing to the Lord with all your heart! Make a joyful sound!

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

Songs of praise! Songs of praise! Come, let us sing!

(© 1989 Choristers Guild)

Notes:

Today's Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Session News

At the November stated meeting of the session, the elders took the following actions:

- Sustained the examinations of elder-elect Doyle Criswell and deacon-elect Sue Flanagan. Ordination and installation will be held as part of worship on Sunday, January 8.
- Received the minutes of the October 20 stated meeting as presented.
- Heard a verbal report from the Discipleship and Family Ministries committee focused on all the upcoming events. Of note was the consensus among the session that most closets and classrooms throughout the building need a thorough cleaning out and an up-to-date inventory of supplies and equipment.
- Heard a report from the pastor on the stated meeting of presbyter held earlier in the day.
- Authorized the baptisms of Jeremiah, Cora, and Wesley Clark, children of Chris and Sherry Clark, at a date to be determined later.
- Upon recommendation of the trustees, authorized changing the name of the "Charles Town Housing Fund" held with the Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation, to "Charles Town Presbyterian Church – Bethard Housing Fund," and assigned two new signatories. As part of the pastors' terms of call in Shenandoah Presbytery, ministers living in a manse are provided an annual amount to be invested to make up for the lack of equity that comes from living in a manse. The presbytery requires that such investments include the pastor's name so there is no question what the fund is for. This change puts us in compliance with that policy.
- Upcoming events: Thanksgiving Eve worship 11/23, Advent festival and decorating 11/27, Parade 12/3, Comfort and Joy Service 12/11, Christmas Eve worship at 5pm, Christmas Day worship at 11am (No Sunday School).

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.

The session has called for a congregational meeting 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. We will be celebrating communion by intinction.

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, thank you for your generosity.

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

Sanctuary Decorating. Please stay after worship on Sunday, November 27th, and help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

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 5:00 p.m. service on December 24th, or following worship on Christmas Day. Thank you.

The Yokefellows want to thank you for your support of the fall BBQ. Still have about 20 pounds of BBQ available if anyone interested. Price is \$10 per pound so if you'd like to once again enjoy the work of the Holy Smokers, please reach out to a Yokefellow and they'll make sure to get it to 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! The Friendship meals are covered except for May 6th, June 3rd, September 2nd, and December 2nd. Think about pairing up with some friends and serving a meal to the many in need of a nice meal. Serving starts at 5:30, and it only takes about an hour. If you need help and would like to serve please call Patsy White at 304-725-8058. Preparations for the annual Christmas parade are underway. Sign up to help. There is a list on the piano in the front of the church. Come and join us that day. It is really a lot of fun. Also we will be manning the Cheer Booth downtown on December 8th, from 12pm-2pm. Donations will go to Community Ministries. This is also fun to participate in. It is a great way to fellowship with the town as well as church members. See Kathy Shue or Patsy White.

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 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! 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Susie Moreland, Allen Peacher, Shirley Ferguson.

Anniversaries this week: Dan & Linda Hart.

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 -60; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-93.

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

Sunday's Receipts: \$2,130; On-Line Donation-\$1,871; Special Offerings: Sunday School-\$67; Loose-\$96; Homecoming Jubilee-\$238; Memorial-\$100; Thanksgiving-\$100; Christmas Mission Project-\$600.

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 and decorating church 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

For electronic giving, please scan here:

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm

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

December 26th: OFFICE CLOSED



The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 20

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Congregational Meeting
3-5:00pm Kids Group

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 23

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve. Service
7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving

OFFICE CLOSED

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Friday, November 25

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 26

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

Sunday, November 27

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Advent Festival
3-5:00pm Kids Group