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\*Sung Response  
“Jesus, Name above All Names” LUYH No. 39  
Jesus, name above all names;  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us;  
blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” No. 113

\*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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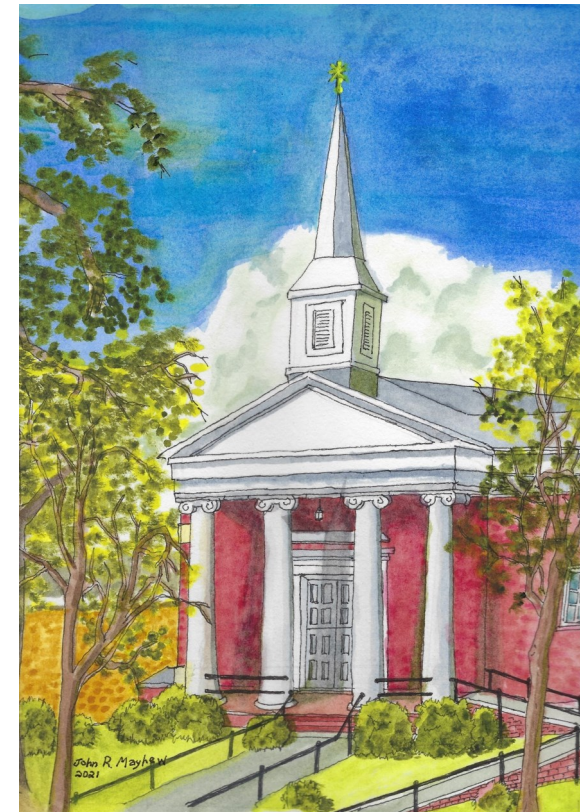
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# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

[www.ctpres.org](http://www.ctpres.org)

*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.*

*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)  
“*Emmanuel*” arr. Carol Tornquist  
(© 1976 C.A Music)

Lighting of First Advent Candle Hartley & Jeralene Tetro

Musical Response “*Awake! Awake!*” No. 107 (verse 1)  
Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold!  
The Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heavenly door  
and lives now inside us forever.

\*Songs “*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*” No. 378  
“*There Is a Longing*” LUYH No. 141 (refrain & verse 1)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace.

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

\*Sung Response to Confession  
“*Blest Be the God of Israel*” No. 109 (verse 3)  
On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,  
The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner’s eyes.  
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music “*Arise, Shine, for Your Light has Come*”  
(© 2003 Morningstar Publishers) K. Lee Scott

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 “*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*” No. 103

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5 p. 673

Message “*Who’s Coming*” Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering  
“*Angels We Have Heard on High with Glory in the Highest*”  
(© 2017 Alfred Music) arr. Carol Tornquist

*The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.*

*Prayer in worship connects us to God and to one another.*

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

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

*The musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.*



## 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.

### Notes:

### Today's Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days

that the mountain of the house of the LORD

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,

and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the LORD.

**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 Six-cents-a-meal Offering** will be collected today to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Jefferson County Community Ministries or the Pastor’s Help Fund.

**Our Christian sympathy** is extended to the family of Pat Hetzinger, who died on November 20th. May God bless those who grieve.

**Advent celebration.** Join us today immediately following worship for a light lunch, followed by crafts and activities for children and families, and adults who are able to help decorate the sanctuary.

**Sanctuary Decorating.** Please stay after worship on today and help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

**All are invited.** Join the Faithweavers this Advent season as they study The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God’s Voice in Advent. This is a four week study beginning November 27, that explores the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. In this study, the Faithweavers will explore the visits and dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel and other angels in the Old Testament. Further, discussion will be held using these angelic appearances to discuss God’s presence in history and our lives today. The Faithweavers meet in Room 101 beginning at 9:00 and welcome everyone to join them.

**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](mailto: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. Christmas Eve service, or following worship on Christmas Day. Thank you.

**Comfort & Joy Service** will be Sunday, December 11, at 4pm. Please plan to join us.

**Christmas Joy Offering.** Because of your generous gifts of \$1,045 in 2021, the Presbyterian Mission Agency was able to help provide brighter educational opportunities for students at historically Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges, a longstanding tradition of the church. Gifts to the offering also supported the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, a fund that stands in the gap to assist retired church leaders and their survivors in difficult times. Together, they make the Christmas Joy Offering a tribute to the leaders of our church—past and present.

**Christmas Eve.** On Christmas Eve, worship will be at 5pm, and feature communion and candle-lighting.

**Christmas Day worship** will be at 11:00am, no Sunday School.

**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:** 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:** Kylee Low, Mary Via

**Anniversaries this week:** Ken & Kathy Reim

**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.

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

**CTPC Upcoming Events:**

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

December 30th: OFFICE CLOSED

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



**The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, November 27—1st Sunday of Advent**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:30am Advent Festival & Decorating church

3-5:00pm Kids Group

**Monday, November 28**

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

**Tuesday, November 29**

8:00am-5:00pm Life Line Screening

**Wednesday, November 30**

6:30pm Geneva Ringers  
7:00pm CAV Meeting  
7:15pm Choir

**Thursday, December 1**

9:30am WW Workshop  
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

**Saturday, December 3**

8:30am WW Workshop  
2:00pm Christmas Parade  
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

**Sunday, December 4—2nd Sunday of Advent**

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