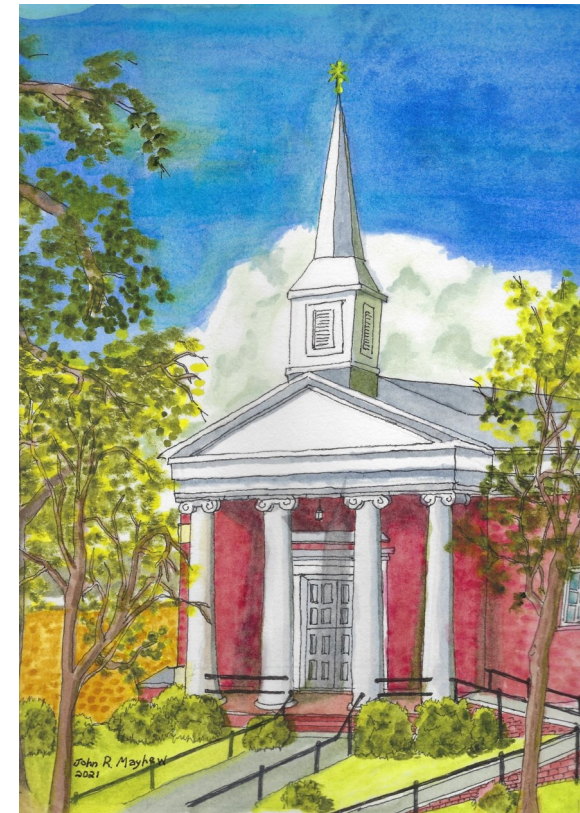


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

10:30 AM



*Sung Response

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* No. 136

*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)
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(© 2003 Hope Publishing) setting by Joel Raney
Pat Dick and Penny Liston

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle

Jason, Terri & Luella Mullens

Musical Response “Awake! Awake!” No. 107 (verse 4)

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night.
Thought dark the winter and cheerless,
The rising sun shall crown you with light;
Be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
And love our endless story;
May God fill every day we share
And bring us at last into glory.

*Songs “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 83

“There Is a Longing” LUYH No. 141 (refrain & verse 4)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Shepherd of our souls, we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not done enough. We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we might be faithful to you.

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

“Comfort & Joy”
(© 2007 Alfred Publishing)
Glory Singers

Pepper Choplin

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 Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 121

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

p. 959

Message

“Joseph Davidson”

Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

(© 1997 Hal Leonard)

arr. Hal Leonard

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.

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.

Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are

...to the Glory of God by:

The Bethard family.

...in loving memory of:

Leo & Edna Kisner by their family.

Marlene Kisner and Leo Kisner, Jr. by their family.

Darrell Hart by Michelle Hart & Jess Wells.

J.B. Huyett, Jr. by his family.

June E. Huyett by her family.

Raymond Frazier by Noah Portrey.

Mary Elinor Huyett, Tom & Nancy Coyle, Bill & Mary Liz Coyle by Anne Portrey & Noah Portrey.

David Shue by Kathy Shue.

Loved Ones by Kathy Shue.

Ephraim & Betty Day by Mark & Mary Day.

Jonathan Day by his parents, Mark & Mary Day.

Robert & Sally Saylor by Marsha & Dennis Dibbern.

Robert & Iris Dibbern by Marsha & Dennis Dibbern.

Bill Harner by Janet Harner.

Lawrence & Anne Wilberding by Laura, Thane, Seth and Bryce Van Zomeren.

Pat Hetzinger by Laura Van Zomeren.

Raymond Frazier by his children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Margaret "Sugie" Jamison by her family.

Robert C. Henshaw and Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Henshaw by their family.

Charles Workman by Ann Workman.

...in honor of:

Jack Huyett, Ceil Frazier, John Bethard, Penny Liston, and Kathy Shue by Anne Portrey & Noah Portrey.

Ceil Frazier by her children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.



Today's Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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.

Christmas Mission update: the CTPC church family generously donated \$4,230 to help two families. These gift were evenly split between two single-parent families, and will help them have a wonderful holiday season.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. If you purchased a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after the 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve service, or following worship on Christmas Day. Thank you.

Longest Night Service. The season of advent and Christmas is typically focused on joy and celebration. However, not everyone feels that joy, especially those who are grappling with some kind of loss. That grief can cast a shadow over the season. Wednesday, December 21, will be the day with the shortest amount of daylight in the year, and many churches host "Longest Night" services that evening to mark the sense of loss and grief for those who are having difficulty during the holidays. Our Longest Night service will be Wednesday, December 21, at 7pm. The service is intentionally contemplative, allowing worshipers the time and space to acknowledge the sense of loss they may be experiencing. All who are struggling during this holiday season are welcome to attend.

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

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

New Year's Day worship will be at 11:00am, no Sunday School.

Church Office Holiday Schedule. The church office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, and Friday, December 30th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Congregational Meeting. The session has called for the annual congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, January 8th. We will hear brief reports from committees, and review the 2023 budget. Following the meeting you are invited to stay and help take down decorations.

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.

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.

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Don Engle, Janet Harner, Justin Hardy, Briana Pizzuti.

Anniversaries this week: Dennis & Marsha Dibbern, Marty & Katherine Hunt, Bob & Rachel Tansill, Michael & Sharon Stevens.

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.**

Ushers for December: Matthew Henshaw (head), Brooks Kursey

December 4th Sunday Worship: In-person -91; Nursery-5 Virtual Views-N/A

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

Sunday's 12/4 Receipts: \$5,153; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$36; Loose—\$170; 235 Celebration—\$30; Help Fund—\$100; Joy Gift—\$115; Mission & Outreach Parade—\$398.

Sunday's 12/4 Receipts: \$2,613; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$44; Hunger—\$188; Christmas Mission Project—\$2,790; Poinsettias—\$30; Thanksgiving—\$107; Joy—\$50; M&O Parade—\$100.

Sunday's 12/11 Receipts: \$5,335; On-line Giving—\$1,771; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$63; Loose—\$49; Hunger—\$26; Poinsettias—\$70; Joy—\$703; Help Fund—\$80; 235 Celebration—\$15; Music Programs—\$120.

CTPC Upcoming Events:

December 21st: Longest Night Service 7:00pm

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

January 8th: Installation/Ordination of officers

Annual Congregational meeting, 11:30am



For electronic giving, please scan here:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 18—4th Sunday of Advent

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

3-5:00pm Kids Group

Thursday, December 22

9:30am WW Workshop

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Monday, December 19

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

6:30pm Prayer Group

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Friday, December 23

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 24-Christmas Eve

8:30am WW Workshop

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, December 21

7:00pm Longest Night Service

7:00pm CAV Meeting

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, December 25-Merry Christmas

11:00am Worship Celebration