

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (©2005 Hope Publishing) Joel Raney
(congregation verse 1 when directed) No. 133
Rose Ann Glover – organ, Geneva Ringers, Glory Singers

Welcome
Invocation and The Lord's Prayer Pastor John Bethard
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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Clark family
*Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 133 (verses 3,4)

Prayer of Confession
God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to embrace your incarnation and to live as your people, following your holy way and rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer
Assurance of Pardon

Response "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 132 (verse 1)
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Reading Matthew 1:18-25
Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 121

Special Music "Noel" arr. Heather Sorenson
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Glory Singers

Reading Luke 2:1-15
Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 119

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings
Carol "Away in a Manger" No. 115

Special Music "Christmas Joy" Cynthia Dobrinski
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Geneva Ringers

Reading Matthew 2:1-12
Message Pastor John

Sharing of our gifts and offerings

Musical Offering "Love Came Down at Christmas" David Ashley White
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Glory Singers

Presentation of Christmas Offering
*Sung Response and Prayer of Thanksgiving
"Raise a Song of Gladness" No. 155 (verse 1)
Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord be with you;
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

*Sharing the Light of Christ (Non-flammable candles are available for those uncomfortable with or unable to use lighted candles)

*Carol "Joy to the World" No. 134
(© 2013 Hope Publishing)
setting Douglas J. Benton
Rose Ann Glover, organist, Geneva Ringers, Glory Singers

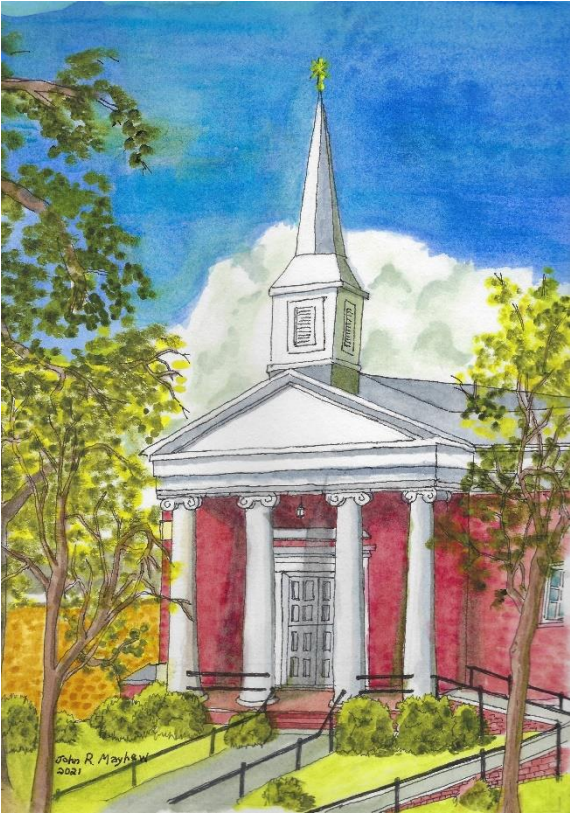
*Blessing and Sending

*Postlude
(Please extinguish candles and place them in the box in the narthex.) *The congregation is invited to stand.

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Participating in Service

John Bethard, Pastor
Garth Stevens-Jennings, Director of Family Ministries
Penny Liston, Music Director
Rose Ann Glover, Co-Accompanist



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