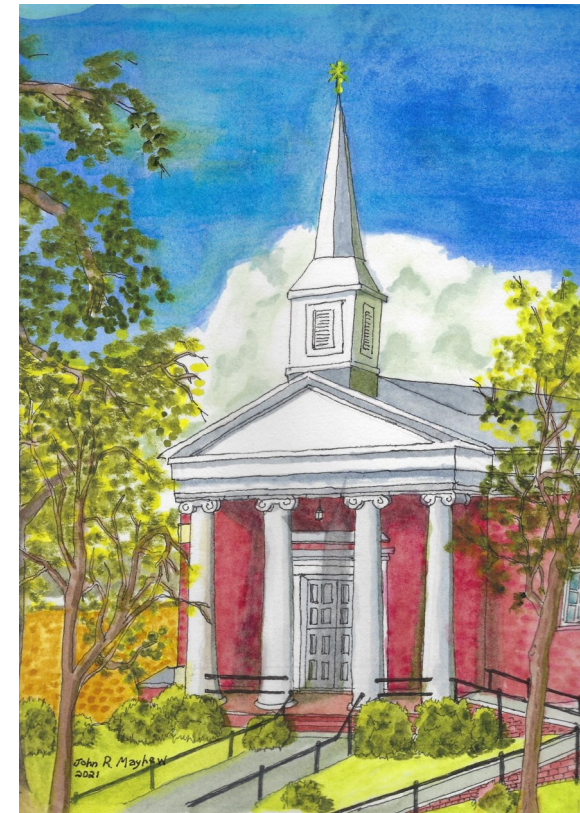


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

11:00 AM



*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving
“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.

*Hymn “Angles 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.**

*Our sending is a
recommitment
to the mission of
Charles Town
Presbyterian.*

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Class of 2024

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Joel Raney
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Call to Worship

Glory to God in the highest!
A child has been born for us!
See, our salvation comes!
We rejoice in what God has made known to us!
Let us journey to the manger together.

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, giver of all blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know, and ask your forgiveness when we fail to acknowledge you as the source of all good. When we hoard the gifts you give, when we say, "that's mine," when we ignore the bounty around us, when we are blind to the good, forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession

"Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 113 (Refrain)
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 p. 680
Hymn "What Child Is This" No. 145

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings
Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" No. 128

New Testament Reading Colossians 1:15-23 p. 1168
Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 133 (verses 1, 3, 4)

*Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20 p. 1018

Message Pastor John

*Profession of Faith "Nicene Creed"

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.
We believe in one God, the father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in only holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Joy Has Dawned" arr. Carol Tornquist
(© 2005 Thank You Music!)

Songs listed with "No." are found in the purple hymnal. Songs listed with "LUYH" are found in the light blue song-book

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.

Please share the peace of Christ with those in your immediate area.

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.

Patricia Hetzinger by the Hetzinger and Coles' families.

...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 Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether

thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the

beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Luke 2:1-20

²In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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. If you purchased a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary following worship. Thank you.

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

Church Office Holiday Schedule. The church office will be closed on 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

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

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:

December 26th: OFFICE CLOSED

December 30th: OFFICE CLOSED

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

January 8th: Ordination/Installation of Officers

Annual Congregational meeting following worship

For electronic giving, please scan here:



The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 25—Merry Christmas

11:00am Worship Celebration

Thursday, December 29

9:30am WW Workshop

2:30-5:00pm FCHC

Monday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

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

6:30pm Prayer Group

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Friday, December 30

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 31

8:30am WW Workshop

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, December 28

7:00pm CAV Meeting

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, January 1—Happy New Year!

11:00am Worship Celebration