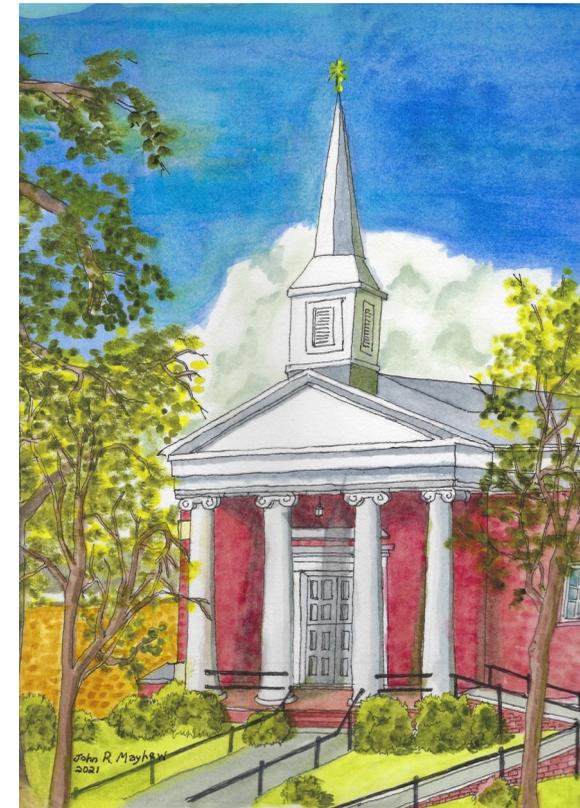


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

10:30 AM



\*Sung Response      “We Will Glorify” LUYH No. 55 (verse 1)  
We will glorify the King of kings,  
we will glorify the Lamb;  
we will glorify the Lord of lords,  
who is the great I Am.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn              “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”      No. 378

\*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 2025

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Alex Bethard, Kaz Feldstein, Debra Low, Doug McDonough  
Judy Edwards, Sue Flanagan, Debbie Henshaw, Brooks Kursey

Class of 2023  
Class of 2024  
Class of 2025

**Trustees**  
Allen Rogers, Susan Wall  
Janet Harner  
Steve Bossung, Thane Van Zomeren

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*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)  
“*Antiphonal Praise with We Have Met to Praise and Worship*”

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arr. Tom Fettke

Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-4

As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the Living God.**

**When shall I come and appear before God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?”

**These things I remember, as I pour out; my soul:  
how I would go with the throng and lead them in  
procession to the house of God with glad shouts and  
songs of praise, a multitude of keeping festival.**

\*Songs

“*Glory*”

LUYH No. 148

“*As the Deer*”

No. 626

“*We Are an Offering*”

LUYH No. 118

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong 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

“*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” No. 366 (verse 4)

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee,

lost in wonder, love, and peace.

Children’s Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

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

“*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*”

No. 298

Scripture

Matthew 5:10-12

p. 962

Message

“*Outrageous Sayings of Jesus—Tough Going*”

Pastor John

Special Music

“*The Prayer*”

arr. Stephen DeCesare

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Bethany Hollida and Laura VanVuuren

Ordination & Installation of Officers

\*Profession of Faith

“*Apostles’ Creed*”

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Musical Offering

“*He Leadeth Me*”

arr. Melody Bober

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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.*

**Notes:**

**Today's Scripture Reading**  
**Matthew 5:10-12**

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## 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.

**Ordination and Installation** of deacons and elders for the class of 2025 will take place during worship today. Those to be ordained and installed are: Deacons: Judy Edwards, Sue Flanagan, Debbie Henshaw, Brooks Kursey; Deacon 2023: Tommy Morgan; Elders: Doyle Criswell, Marsha Dibbern, Lazan Rogers.

**Congregational Meeting**. The session has called for the annual congregational meeting immediately following worship today. 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.

**Wednesday Bible Study** will meet via Zoom **every Wednesday from 12noon until 1pm.**, beginning this Wednesday, January 11th. For those who wish, they could join us from work, if that's allowed by their employer. We will be studying the gospel of Luke. I am hoping this time change will make Bible Study more available to everyone. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96202042739>.

**Save Lives By Giving** to the Blanket Offering for Church World Service will be collected on Sunday, January 15th. Help fight hunger and malnutrition, meet emergency needs, nurture sustainable development, assist refugees and displaced persons, and help address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness.

**Silver Bells Sign-up**. If you are 60+ please join us for fun ringing fellowship! Our 1st practice will be Tuesday, January 17th, at 1pm. No music or ringing skills required! Please contact Penny Liston for more info or to sign-up. [penvfarm@aol.com](mailto:penvfarm@aol.com) or 304-725-5316.

**Join us Sunday, February 19th**, after worship with your favorite soup and/sandwich for a potluck soup and sandwich luncheon followed by a talent show. Wondering what talent you have? This talent show isn't just for the musically inclined. If you can make balloon animals, fold napkins creatively, dance, read poetry, do a comedy sketch, then You've Got Talent! Be creative! And share your unique talent with your church family. Sign-up sheets for the luncheon and talent show will appear in the sanctuary mid January. Feel free to contact Penny Liston for any info!

**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:** Summer Burns, Noah Portrey, Carina Snook.

**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 -45; Nursery-NA; Virtual Views-118.

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

Sunday, December 18th Receipts: \$4,423; Special Offerings: Sunday School-\$77; Loose-\$96; Fellowship hall roof-\$1,000; Poinsettias-\$30; Hunger-\$15; Joy-\$15; Christmas Eve-\$15.

Sunday, December 25th Receipts: \$9,055; Special Offerings: Christmas Eve-\$514; Help Fund-\$100; Hunger-\$81.

Sunday, January 1st Receipts: \$5,701; Special Offerings: Loose-\$124; Blanket -\$10; JCCM-\$5; Help Fund-\$80; Hunger-\$11; Initial-\$14.

**Ushers for January:**

**CTPC Upcoming Events:**

February 19th: Soup & Sandwich Luncheon with Talent Show following worship.

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday service 7:00pm

March 30th: Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm



**For electronic giving, please scan here:**

## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### **Sunday, January 8**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

11:30am Congregational Meeting

3-5:00pm Kids Group

### **Monday, January 9**

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

7:00pm Technology and Communications

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 10**

10:30am Prayer Group

7:00pm Deacons Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 11**

12:00pm Zoom Bible Study

6:30pm Geneva Ringers

7:00pm CAV Meeting

7:15pm Choir

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Thursday, January 12**

9:30am WW Workshop

2:30pm FCHC

### **Saturday, January 14**

8:30am WW Workshop

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Sunday, January 15**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

3-5:00pm Kids Group