

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

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\*Sung Response “We Will Glorify” LUYH No. 55 (verse 1)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn “Seek Ye First” No. 175

\*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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**The Session**

Class of 2023  
Class of 2024  
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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)  
"In Christ Alone" arr. Glenda Austin  
(© 2022 Thank You Music)

Call to Worship Psalm 42:5-8  
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in  
turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.  
**My soul is cast down within me; therefore  
I remember you from the land of Jordan and of  
Hermon, from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your  
breakers and your waves have gone over me.

**By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at  
night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my  
life.**

\*Songs "I Will Sing of the Mercies" LUYH No. 75

"In Christ Alone" (see insert)  
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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of the ages, We do not always wait with patience. We do  
not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize  
your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for  
ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would  
rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive  
us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do  
your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of  
righteousness.

*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 humil-  
ity, allowing us  
to hear God  
more clearly as  
we worship.*

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)

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"  
(© 1994 Pilot Point Music) Dennis & Nan Allen  
Glory Singers

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 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" No. 203

Scripture Matthew 18:1-6 p. 978

Message "Outrageous Sayings of Jesus—Stop Being Arrogant"  
Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "There Is a Balm In Gilead"  
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*The congrega-  
tion 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.*

**Notes:**

**Today's Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 18:1-6**

**18** At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

## 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.

**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 today. 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. [penfvmfarm@aol.com](mailto:penfvmfarm@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:** Mason Noland, Georgie Wilson, Nancy Lloyd, Charley Amos, Signe Garms.

**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 -64; Nursery-4; Virtual Views-125.

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

Sunday's Receipts: \$3,808; Receipts received by 12/2022-\$854; On-line donations 12/2022-\$1,599; Special Offerings: Sunday School-\$63; Loose-\$56; Help Fund-\$150; Music Ministries-\$395.

**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 15**

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

### **Monday, January 16**

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

### **Tuesday, January 17**

10:30am Prayer Group  
1:00pm Silver Bells  
7:00pm Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 18**

9:30am Staff Meeting  
12:00pm Zoom Bible Study  
6:30pm Geneva Ringers  
7:00pm CAV Meeting  
7:15pm Choir  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Thursday, January 19**

9:30am WW Workshop  
2:30pm FCHC  
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

### **Saturday, January 21**

8:30am WW Workshop  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Sunday, January 22**

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