

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023  
10:30 AM

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” No. 465

\*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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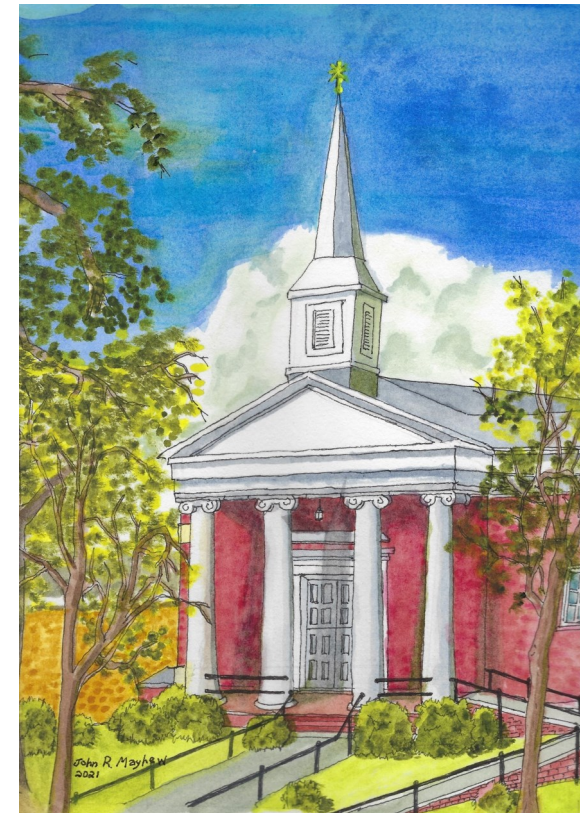
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## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)  
“*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”  
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Call to Worship Psalm 46:1-4  
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**  
Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.  
**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

\*Songs “*Great Is the Lord*” LUYH No. 30

“*The River Is Here*” LUYH No. 98

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
Merciful God, we often ask you for what we want, thinking you should do everything we ask. Help us remember that you provide all that we need and more. Forgive our selfishness, and help us to learn to rely on you, knowing you are always faithful.

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.

## 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 “*Broken and Beautiful*” Joseph M. Martin  
(© 2022 by Hal Leonard) Heather Sorenson  
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 “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” No. 610

Scripture Luke 5:17-26 p. 1023

Message  
“*Outrageous Sayings of Jesus—What’s Wrong With You Guys?*”  
Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”  
(© 2017 Alfred Music) arr. Carol Tornquist

*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.*

**Notes:**

**Today's Scripture Reading**

**Luke 5:17-26**

<sup>17</sup>On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup>And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, <sup>19</sup>but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. <sup>20</sup>And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." <sup>21</sup>And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>22</sup>When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? <sup>24</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." <sup>25</sup>And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup>And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

## 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.

**Today** is 5th Sunday, the loose offering collected today will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

**Important TAX NOTICE:** To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2022 income tax return until you have accessed your on-line giving statement. If you need the office to print a hard copy of your contribution statement please call (304-725-5316) or email (ctpres@ctpres.org) the church office. Giving statements will be mailed to those without email by the end of January. To access your giving statement go to [servantkeeper.com/member-portal/ctpres/login#/](http://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/ctpres/login#/), go to giving history, under "overview" click on the drop down dates and choose year (2022), and the option to print your statement needed for tax purposes.

**Worship Committee** would Like Volunteers. The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with two tasks. The first task is to help set up communion around 9 am on the first Sunday of each month. If you volunteer, there will be someone to train and help you learn the procedure. The second task is to help set up the hospitality station by the library each Sunday. We would love to have you join us with your service to CTPC. If you are able to help please contact Lazan Roger at: [lazanrogers@yahoo.com](mailto:lazanrogers@yahoo.com), Signe Garms at: [signegarms@gmail.com](mailto:signegarms@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Bible Study** will meet via Zoom every Wednesday from 12noon until 1pm. 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>.

**Silver Bells Sign-up.** If you are 60+ please join us for fun ringing fellowship! Practice is on Tuesday's, at 1pm. No music or ringing skills required! Please contact Penny Liston for more info or to sign-up. [penfvfarm@aol.com](mailto:penfvfarm@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 located on the piano in sanctuary. Feel free to contact Penny Liston for any info!

**Special Mission Offerings.** The session recently approved two special offerings. First, Mike and Cathy Sander, the missionaries we support in Eswatini, need a new vehicle. Their 13 year old Toyota is no long cost-effective to keep repairing. If you wish to help with this special offering, please make a note on your check, "Sander car offering" and place in the offering plate. The deadline for this offering is February 28. The second offering is for your Ukraine. We will be collecting monies until March 31, which we will send to World Vision, who is helping with humanitarian aid. If you wish to help with this offering, please make the note, "Multiply Your Blessings" on your check and place in the offering plate.

**Jefferson County Community Ministries** is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. A black-tie optional gala event will be held on Saturday, May 13, at the Ranson Civic Center. This is a massive undertaking, and JCCM is asking covenant member churches to ask their congregations for help. They plan on having a silent auction committee who is collecting, coordinating, and staffing the silent auction table at the gala event. The next meeting of the silent auction committee is **Thursday, February 2nd, 10 AM at JCCM**. Members of CTPC are welcome to attend that planning meeting and help. The gala planning committee is meeting on **Friday, February 24th, 4 PM, at JCCM**. They really need our congregation's volunteers for this effort too. There is set up, parking, ushering, serving, and other duties needed filling. There will be opportunities for youth 16-18 to serve at the event. Anyone interested in helping the planning committee is invited to attend the February 24, meeting. Here is a link to the gala page from the JCCM website: <https://www.jccm.us/40th-anniversary-love-thy-neighbor-gala/>.

**Mission and Outreach News!** The Friendship meals are covered except for 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 Doyle Criswell 681-252-1078.

**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.

**The flower chart for 2023** is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

**Online giving** helps you to bring your offering before God. Money donated via any of the services listed here gets deposited to our church bank account. You can donate fee-free via Facebook or for a nominal fee, use the Presbyterian Foundation or PayPal. The Presbyterian Foundation fee does help the organization's mission, and you can easily use a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on Google Play/Apple AppStore) to set up for repeating or one time giving. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Donation options and tax information at [www.ctpres.org](http://www.ctpres.org). Thank you.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Birthdays this week:** Matthew Custer, Hollyn Rossi, Mary Burns, Judy Miller, Heather Duncan, Luella Mullens, Nicholas Pizzuti, Linda Snyder.

**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 -62; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-131.

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

General Offering: \$12,027; Designated Offerings: Sunday School-\$33; Hunger-\$93; Facility Use-\$150; Initial -\$10.

**Ushers for January:** Brooks Kursey, Matthew Henshaw.

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

February 12th: Souper Bowl of Caring  
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 29**

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

### **Monday, January 30**

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

### **Tuesday, January 31**

10:30am Prayer Group  
1:00pm Silver Bells

### **Wednesday, February 1**

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

### **Thursday, February 2**

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

### **Saturday, February 4**

8:30am WW Workshop  
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Sunday, February 5**

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