

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

10:30 AM



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*Sung Response
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” No. 620 (verse 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me” No. 726

*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

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)
“Near to the Heart of God”
Pat Dick arr. by Suzanne Brantley

Call to Worship Psalm 57:1-3

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
till the storms of destruction pass by.

**I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.**

He will send from heaven and save me;
he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selah*
**God will send out his steadfast love and his
faithfulness!**

*Songs “I Will Worship You, Lord” LUYH No. 38

“Holy Is the Lord on High” LUYH No. 31

“Kyrie Eleison” LUYH No. 62

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from
your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save
us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and
emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind.
You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our
guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you:
forgive our sins.

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession
“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” No. 439 (verse 1)

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music “Whoever Would be Great Among You”
(© 1971 Augsburg Publishing) Ronald A. Nelson
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Song “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” No. 738

Scripture Mark 10:42-45 p. 1006

Message
“Outrageous Sayings of Jesus—Service, Not Power”
Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
(© 2013 Alfred Music) arr. Cindy Berry

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.

*The congrega-
tion 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!*

Session News

The session met for its February stated meeting on Tuesday, February 21, and took the following actions:

- Received as presented, the minutes from the January 2022 stated meeting.
- By unanimous vote, approved a motion to allow the Discipleship and Family Ministries Committee to begin searching for an additional nursery attendant to work Sunday mornings 10am-noon. It is church policy to have two adults present for ministries working with minor children. In the past we have attempted to supplement the nursery with adult volunteers, but when people drop off the list or cannot serve the Sunday they are assigned, it makes staffing the nursery challenging. This action begins the process of rectifying this situation and making the nursery as secure as possible and in compliance with church policy. Until that person is hired, we will supplement the nursery with volunteers.
- Authorized observance of the Lord's Supper for the next quarter on the following dates, March 5, April 2, April 6 (Maundy Thursday), May 7.
- Approved a wedding request for Sara Fowler and Tanner Elliot, to be celebrated Saturday, October 7.
- Adjourned the meeting with prayer for the needs of the congregation.

Today's Scripture Reading

Mark 10:42-45

⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 26

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

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

9:00am WW Workshop
2:30pm FCHC
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:15am Morning Prayer in Library
10:30am Worship Celebration
3-5:00pm Kids Group

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.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected today, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

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, Signe Garms at: 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>.

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.

Librarian needed! The DFM Team is looking for someone who would volunteer as our church librarian. No experience or training is needed; we would just like an individual who would take the library under his/her care. We need you to maintain order when books are off the shelf, encourage use of the library by highlighting books in the newsletter, or in a Ministry Moment (do this for kids books, too), add to our collection by buying or adopting new books while using an amount of quality control (is this a book that points to Knowing Christ, Growing in God's love, and Serving as the Holy Spirit leads?) This is an area where you can use initiative and creativity! If you are interested in this opportunity, or would like to ask questions, please contact Marsha Dibbern marshadib@juno.com.

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.

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. Thank you.

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Sharon Stevens, Brooks Kursey, Russell Low, Joshua Amos.

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 -72; Nursery-3; Virtual Views-125.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$1,708; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$57; Loose—\$81; Sander car offering—\$250; Ukraine-multiply your blessings—\$620; Ash Wednesday—\$10.

Ushers for February: Doug McDonough (head), Matthew Henshaw

CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 26th: Family Bowling at Shepherd 3-5pm
March 30th: Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
April 2nd: Palm Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt following worship
April 6th: Maundy Thursday service 7:00pm
April 7th: Community Cross Walk at Asbury UMC 10:00am
April 9th: Resurrection Sunday
Community Sunrise Service at Jefferson Memorial Park 6:30am
April 10th: OFFICE CLOSED
April 23rd: Spring Fling After-Church Potluck Luncheon 11:30am
May 29th: OFFICE CLOSED



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