

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

10:30 AM



\*Sung Response

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” No. 708 (vs 1)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Song “God Has Spoken by the Prophets” (see screen)

\*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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*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Wonderful Words of Life" by Philip Bliss  
setting of Offenbach's Barcarolle  
Pat Dick

Call to Worship Psalm 134:1-3  
Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,  
**who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**  
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!  
**May the Lord bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!**

\*Song "Ten Thousand Reasons" (see screen)

Prayer of Confession (unison)  
**Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say  
we want to know you, we say we want to serve you,  
but we also do not want to put in the work. We do  
not want to prepare for your coming by working for  
your kingdom on this earth. We do not keep alert for  
signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for  
an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to  
put our faith to action. Surprise us with your  
presence so we might learn to always be ready for  
you to arrive.**

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon...  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Sung Response to Confession  
*"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"* No. 839 (vs 1)

Ministry Moment Christmas Parade Doyle Criswell

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music "Then Sings My Soul" Stuart K. Hine  
(© 1949, 1953 and this arr. © 2011 by The Stuart Hine Trust) Mary McDonald  
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Song "O Word of God Incarnate" No. 459

Scriptures Exodus 3:10-15 p. 55  
John 1:1-18 p. 1053

Message "The Word" Henry Christie

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Thy Word" Smith/Grant  
(© 1984 MeadowGreen Music Co. & Word Music, Inc.)  
Rose Ann Glover

*Please use this  
time to quietly  
prepare for  
worship.*

*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.*

*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.*

**“Then Sings My Soul”** (today’s special music)

O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.  
When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountains grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.  
Then sings my soul, my Savoir God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art, how great thou art!  
And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.  
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim “My God, how great thou art!”  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
who great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
How great thou art! How great thou art! How great thou art!

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## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### **Sunday, November 12**

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

### **Monday, November 13**

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)  
7:30am A.A. Meeting  
5:00pm Prayer Group  
7:00pm Stewardship & Vision Meeting  
7:00pm Technology & Communications  
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 14**

7:00pm Deacons Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 15**

6:30pm Geneva Ringers  
7:00pm CAV Meeting  
7:15pm Choir  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Thursday, November 16**

2:30pm FCHC  
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

### **Friday, November 17**

7:30am A.A. Meeting

### **Saturday, November 18**

Noon-6:00pm Armstrong—fellowship hall  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Sunday, November 19**

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

## **Today’s Scripture Readings**

### **Exodus 3:10-15**

<sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup> He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

### **John 1:1-18**

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

## 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's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond Frazier by his family.

**This morning** we welcome Henry Christie to the pulpit.

**All are Invited** to Combined Adult Sunday School on Sunday, November 19th. The upcoming capital campaign is moving along. We are excited that Roger Snook and Christian Pechoukonis have agreed to serve as campaign co-chairs. This campaign will not only seek to replace the monies used from our investments to replace the sanctuary roof, but it also seeks to fund some projects that have been deferred since before the pandemic began. To that end, the capital campaign is seeking congregational input. We will meet in the fellowship hall and engage in some creative ways to get feedback from all who are present. Even if you do not attend Sunday School regularly, we encourage you to attend. This event will serve as an important way to get congregational feedback on the direction of the campaign. And if you are interested in serving on the campaign team, please come to the event on the 19<sup>th</sup> and learn more about where this campaign may be headed.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Please plan to join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday evening, November 22nd, at 7:00pm.

**Children's Thanksgiving Offering.** This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loved ones. The Apostle Paul teaches us that part of living together in community is reaching out to our brothers and sisters when they face hardships, temptation, or sorrow. Four ministries started by leaders in the Presbyterian Church serve our communities and address the needs of thousands of children each year. By participating in the Thanksgiving Offering Program, our congregation will sustain the valuable services provided by: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; Presbyterian Home & Family Services and the Family Alliance. The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 19th, and Wednesday, November 22nd. Note memo line "Thanksgiving offering". As always, that your for your generosity.

**The church office closed** for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th. Have a safe holiday.

**An Advent Celebration** for all ages will be held after worship on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd. A light lunch will be served. There will be carols sung, an ornament exchange for those who would like to participate, games and crafts, and the trimming of the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. **Adults, who are able, are asked to help decorate the sanctuary.**

**Memorial poinsettias** will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by **Wednesday, December 6th**, to sign up (304-725-5316 or [ctpres@ctpres.org](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org)). Cost is \$10.00, single stemmed. If you purchase a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after the 5:00 p.m. service on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Christmas Joy Service** will be on Sunday, December 10, at 3pm. Our music ministry will present A Journey to Joy, featuring our vocal and handbell choirs. Please plan to join us.

**Christmas Joy Offering,** will be collected on Sunday, December 10th. Because of your generous gifts the Presbyterian Mission Agency is able to help provide brighter educational opportunities for students at historically Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges, a longstanding tradition of the church. Gifts to the offering also supported the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, a fund that stands in the gap to assist retired church leaders and their survivors in difficult times. Together, they make the Christmas Joy Offering a tribute to the leaders of our church—past and present.

**The Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee** is seeking an additional attendant for our nursery. This is a paid position to be filled on Sunday mornings from 10:00AM-12:00 noon. We are looking for a Christian individual, 18 years or older, who loves and respects children and is able to provide for their care during the time that parents or caregivers are worshiping. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position. [ctpres@ctpres.org](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org).

**Worship Help Needed.** We need help running the technology used in worship each week. We are seeking two or three people to help run the PowerPoint slides and the camera for our live broadcast. These are fairly simple tasks, and we provide training. Please speak with Pastor John or Roger Snook if you can help.

**Mission and Outreach.** Our Mission and Outreach Committee is involved in several projects, but we need assistance. Will you help with one of the following? Assisting with at least one Friendship Meal, which is served the first Saturday of each month; Writing letters or sending cards to our missionaries, shut-ins, and others in our church family; Leading or Assisting with our "Sock-It-To-Me" campaign to collect socks for the Jefferson County Community Ministries during November; Helping as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade. Please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411 or [doyle.criswell@att.net](mailto:doyle.criswell@att.net)

**Online giving** helps you to bring your offering before God in a simple, and secure way. You can choose from The Presbyterian Foundation, Facebook, or PayPal, each of which have a nominal fee that you can include as part of your gift. 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) (<http://www.ctpres.org>).

**The flower chart for 2024** 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:** June Adams, Betsy Wall, Sharon Harrell.

**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—61; Nursery-7; Virtual Views-66.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$3,358; Designated Offerings: Loose-\$70; Sunday School—\$40; Hunger—\$190; Help Fund—\$80; VBS—\$300; Facility Use—\$80; Thanksgiving—\$10.

**Ushers for November:** Doug McDonough (head), Anne Portrey (counter)  
**Ushers for December:** Matthew Henshaw (head), Brooks Kursey (counter)

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

November 18th:	Armstrong—fellowship hall Noon-6pm
November 22nd:	Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
November 23rd:	Happy Thanksgiving—OFFICE CLOSED
November 24th:	OFFICE CLOSED
December 2nd:	Charles Town Christmas Parade 2:00pm
December 3rd:	Advent Celebration /Decorate Sanctuary following worship
December 10th:	Christmas Joy Service 3:00pm
December 21st:	Longest Night Service 7:00pm
December 24th:	Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm
December 25th:	Merry Christmas! - OFFICE CLOSED
December 26th:	OFFICE CLOSED
January 1st:	Happy New Year! No Sunday School Worship at 10:30am
January 2nd:	OFFICE CLOSED

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