

Our sending is a recommitment to the mission of Charles Town Presbyterian

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “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.

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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
10:30 AM



“Fall Like Rain” (today’s special music)
Let the Word of the Lord fall like the rain,
let it nourish our hearts while our spirits remain
in the warmth and the glow of God’s glory and power,
let it fall like the rain in our worship this hour.
As his sowers we serve and we spread forth his Word,
sowing heavenly seeds with our speech and our deeds;
let the Word of the Lord fall like the rain,
let it nourish our hearts while our spirits remain
in the warmth and the glow of God’s glory and power,
let it fall like the rain in our worship this hour.
For God’s Word will return bearing fruit we have learned;
as we live and believe, we his blessing receive.
Let the Word of the Lord fall like the rain,
let it nourish our hearts while our spirits remain
in the warmth and the glow of God’s glory and power,
let it fall like the rain in our worship this hour.
Let the Word of the Lord fall like rain, fall like rain.

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Today’s Scripture Reading
Acts 14:1-13, 19-20, 24-28

14 Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. ⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel. ⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 19		Thursday, November 23	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	Happy Thanksgiving	
10:30am	Worship Celebration	OFFICE CLOSED	
11:30am	Children’s Choir	2:30pm	FCHC
3-5:00pm	Kid’s Group	5:30pm	Friendship Ministry Meal
Monday, November 20		Friday, November 24	
5:30-1:00pm	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	OFFICE CLOSED	
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
5:00pm	Prayer Group	Saturday, November 25	
7:30 pm	A.A. Meeting	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Tuesday, November 21		Sunday, November 26	
10:30am	Prayer Group	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
1:00pm	Silver Bells	10:30am	Worship Celebration
7:00pm	Session Meeting	11:30am	Children’s Choir
Wednesday, November 22		3-5:00pm	Kid’s Group
7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service		
7:00pm	CAV Meeting		
8:00pm	A.A. Meeting		

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service. Please plan to join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service this 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 loves 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.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected next Sunday, November 26th, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

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 Chrismon 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). 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 24th. 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.

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

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>).

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: Susie Moreland, Allen Peacher, Shirley Ferguson.

Anniversaries this week: Dan & Linda Hart.

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 –71; Nursery-4; Virtual Views-34.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$3,425; 2024 General Offering—\$2,600; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$43; Hunger—\$167; Capital Campaign 2023—\$100; Poinsettias—\$20; Music Programs—\$40.

Ushers for November: Doug McDonough (head), Anne Portrey (counter)

Ushers for December: Matthew Henshaw (head), Brooks Kursey (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

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

