

Please hold the bread and the cup and partake when directed, when all have been served. Gluten free bread is in the center of the tray.

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*Sung Response
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak” No. 519

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

*Hymn “We All Are One in Mission” No. 733

*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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Steve Bossung, Thane Van Zomeren

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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

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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 humility, allowing us to hear God more clearly as we worship.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* R. Roesch
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Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-4
Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

*Hymn *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”* No. 35

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Great God, Magi from the east were looking for Jesus. Herod was looking for Jesus. We are looking for Jesus, and we are overcome with amazement that you became one of us in the Christ-child. Teach us what it means to surrender what we have, to fall on our knees, and to worship you. As we move from this place to our diverse homes, help us to carry our faith with us, that we might not be tempted to reject the love that brought us here. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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

*Sung Response to Confession
“Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart” No. 427 (refrain)

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn *“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”* No. 432

Scripture Acts 15:36-41 p. 1099

Message *“How to ACT Like Jesus—When Community is Hard”*
Pastor John

*Profession of Faith *“Apostles’ Creed”* (see screen)

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”*
(© 1955 Concordia Publishing House) Johann Pachelbel
Rose Ann Glover

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

Prayer in worship connects us to God and to one another.

While not written by the apostles the Apostles Reflects the faith of the early church. It has undergone numerous revisions attaining its final form during the 8th century.

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
Acts 15:36-41

³⁶And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are.” ³⁷Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, ⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 7		Thursday, January 11	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	2:30pm	FCHC
10:30am	Worship Celebration		
2:30-4:00pm	Youth Group	Friday, January 12	
4:00-5:30pm	Kids Group	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
Monday, January 8		Saturday, January 13	
5:30-1:00pm	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	5:30pm	Friendship Ministry Meal
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
5:00pm	Prayer Group		
7:00pm	Stewardship & Vision Meeting	Sunday, January 14	
7:00pm	Technology & Communications	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting	10:30am	Worship Celebration
		11:30am	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, January 9		2:30-4:00pm	Youth Group
12:00pm	Charity Knitting Group	4:00-5:30pm	Kids Group
7:00pm	Deacons Meeting		
Wednesday, January 10			
12:00pm	Zoom Bible Study		
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.

Ordination and Installation of deacons and elders for the class of 2026 will take place during worship this morning. Those to be ordained and installed are: Deacons: Bob Tansill; Elders: Diane Mayhew, Beth Pugh, Patsy White.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship next Sunday, January 14th. We will hear brief reports from committees, and review the 2024 budget.

Capital Campaign Update: Dear Congregation Family, thank you for participating in our shared Sunday School Hour's facilities walkthrough which identified over 60 items that we could improve with your Capital Campaign contributions. There are a handful of items that don't cost us anything, and in 2024 you should look for some scheduled work days to help out in sharing your time to complete. For those wanting to make a difference sooner, you can contribute to the Capital Campaign now through your usual donation method or via the no-fee PayPal Giving Fund <https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3122728>.

What's so Amazing About Grace? The Faithweavers invite you to join them in a ten week study of Phillip Yancey's book, What's so Amazing About Grace? Beginning January 7, the study will include a video portion followed by discussion, and will center around God giving grace to people unconditionally. The study will encompass [Bible stories](#), [anecdotes](#) from life, and accounts of historical events. The Faithweavers meet each Sunday from 9:00 - 10:00, and this study will be held in the "old" Voyagers room No. 104, beside the workroom and Pastor's office. Everyone is invited and welcome!

Weekly Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 10th, at noon. Bible Study meets by Zoom and all are welcome. Contact Pastor John or the church office for the Zoom information.

Save Lives By Giving to the Blanket Offering for Church World Service will be collected on Sunday, January 14th. 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.

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.

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 worshipping. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position. ctpres@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.

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/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>).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: James MacKenzie, Bea Miller, John Bethard, Larry Lloyd.

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 –60; Virtual Views—131

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$12,765; On-Line Offering—\$1,100; Designated Offerings: Capital Campaign 2023—\$21,300; Help Fund—\$189; Music Program—\$493.

Ushers for January: T B D

CTPC Upcoming Events:

January 7th: Ordination/Installation of Officers during worship
January 10th: Wednesday Bible Study at Noon resumes by Zoom
January 14th: Annual Congregational Meeting following worship
January 20th: Liston—Fellowship Hall 11-6:00pm
January 27th: Session Retreat 9:00-Noon
February 14th: Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm

For electronic giving, please scan here:

