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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn “In Christ There Is No East or West” No. 318

*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, JANUARY 14, 2024
10:30 AM



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.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1, 2, 7, 8
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble.**
He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.
**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

*Songs “Here in This Place” No. 401
 “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” LUYH No. 59

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Great God, today we meet your mystery in the form of Jesus Christ. We believe you, God, and we believe Jesus to be the Messiah; but even when we struggle to believe, when we are distracted and unaware, we know that Christ calls us still. Help us to recognize your voice and give us the strength to go where we are called, that we may learn, O God, what it means to follow with open hearts. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

Children's Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn “*My Tribute*” (see insert)

Scripture Acts 16:1-5, 16-19, 25-34 p. 1099

Message “*How to ACT Like Jesus—Help Added*” Pastor John

Please pass the offering plate to your neighbors in your pew.

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

**Offering is our
response to all
that God has
given us.**

Musical Offering *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*
(© 1989 Universal Music) arr. Carol Tornquist

The musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.

Notes:

Today’s Scripture Reading
Acts 16:1-5, 16-19, 25-34

16 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. ³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 14		Thursday, January 18	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	2:30pm	FCHC
10:30am	Worship Celebration	5:30pm	Friendship Meal Ministry
11:30am	Congregational Meeting		
2:30-4:00pm	Youth Group	Friday, January 19	
4:00-5:30pm	Kids Group	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
Monday, January 15		Saturday, January 20	
5:30-1:00pm	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	11:00am	Liston/Fellowship hall
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
5:00pm	Prayer Group		
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting	Sunday, January 21	
Tuesday, January 16		9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
12:00pm	Basic Music	10:30am	Worship Celebration
7:00pm	Session Meeting	2:30-4:00pm	Youth Group
		4:00-5:30pm	Kids Group
Wednesday, January 17			
9:30am	Staff Meeting		
12:00pm	Zoom Bible Study		
6:30pm	Geneva Ringers		
7:00pm	CAV Meeting		
7:00pm	Choir		
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.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship today. We will hear brief reports from committees, and review the 2024 budget.

Save Lives By Giving to the Blanket Offering for Church World Service today. 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.

Looking for offering envelopes? Feel free to use one of the envelopes in the pew rack. CTPC is no longer providing as the majority of envelopes go unused. Any questions see Pastor John.

Community Cup Coffee and More is a new worshipping community started last year by Shenandoah Presbytery, and is located in a coffee shop on Burke Street in Martinsburg. This ministry hopes to reach people who may not be comfortable in traditional worship settings. Community Cup worship happens on Friday nights, and they are looking for volunteers to help set up, clean up, and assist in other ways. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Dwight McCormick at preachercomic@gmail.com.

Important TAX NOTICE: To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2023 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#/, 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.

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? 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 has resumed on Wednesdays at noon. Bible Study meets by Zoom and all are welcome. Contact Pastor John or the church office for the Zoom information.

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.

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 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/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>).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Mason Noland, Georgie Wilson, Nancy Lloyd, Charley 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 –51; Virtual Views—144

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$4,985; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$65; Loose—\$43; Capital Campaign 2023—\$4,581; Help Fund—\$200; Facility Use—\$23; Blanket—\$5; Hunger—\$11.

Ushers for January: Brooks Kursey (head), Debbie Henshaw (counter)

Ushers for February: Kaz Feldstein (head), Sue Flanagan (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

January 14th: Annual Congregational Meeting following worship

January 20th: Liston—Fellowship Hall 11-6:00pm

January 27th: Session Retreat 9:00-Noon

For electronic giving, please scan here:

