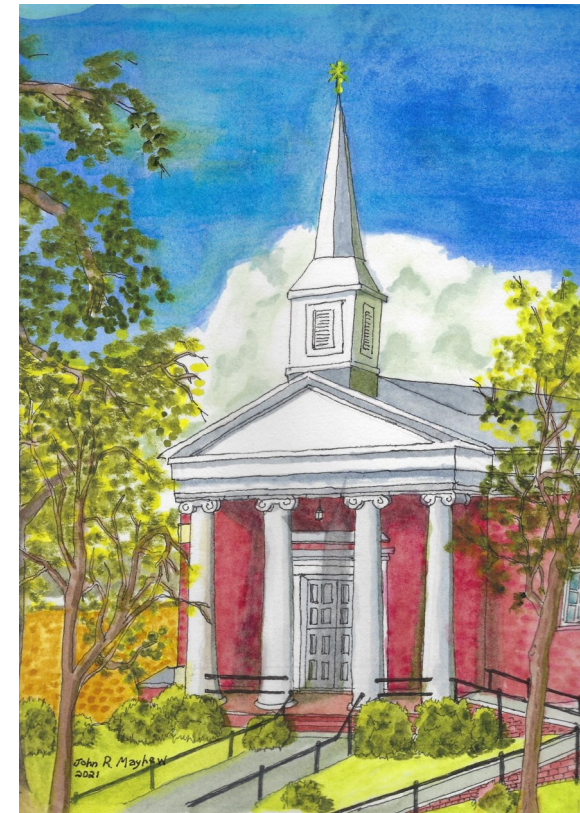


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

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\*Sung Response

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* No. 606

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn *"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"* No. 766

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

*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

Prelude "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"  
arr. Victor Labenske  
(© Worshiptogether.com)

Call to Worship Psalm 111:1-4  
Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**  
Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.  
**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

\*Songs "God's Holy Ways are Just and True" (see screen)

"Alleluia, Thanks Be to God" LUYH No. 21

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Great God, we know that you are our God and that we are mere mortals, but self-righteousness still consumes us, arrogance still guides our decisions, and we become isolated and alone. Bring us back to rest in your sovereign love, encourage us in relationship, and guide us to live in the community of faith, that we might experience your love building us up, enabling us to do the work to which you call us. In the name of Jesus, 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

Special Music "We Believe" arr. Heather Sorenson  
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Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "Together We Serve" No. 767

Scripture Acts 16:11-15 p. 1099

Message "How to ACT Like Jesus—Faith and Action" Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Where He Leads Me" arr. Cindy Berry  
(© 2013 Alfred Music)

*The congregation 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.*

**“We Believe”** (today’s special music)

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear,  
there is only one foundation: We believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see.

There is only one salvation: We believe, we believe.

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back again. We believe.

So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing,

And in our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe.

We believe in God the Father. WE believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He concurred death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back again.

Let the lost be found, let the dead be raised: in the here and now let love invade.

Let the church live loud! Our God, we’ll say, “We believe! We believe!”

And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the pow’r of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back,  
coming back again, coming back again! We believe, we believe!

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## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### Sunday, January 28

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
2:30-4:00pm Youth Group  
4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

### Monday, January 29

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)  
7:30am A.A. Meeting  
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### Tuesday, January 30

12:00pm Basic Music

### Wednesday, January 31

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

### Thursday, February 1

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

### Friday, February 2

7:30am A.A. Meeting

### Saturday, February 3

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

### Sunday, February 4

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:45am Homebound Communion  
2:30-4:00pm Youth Group  
4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

## Today’s Scripture Reading

### Acts 16:11-15

<sup>11</sup> So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

## Notes:

## 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.

**Community Cup Coffee and More** is a new worshiping 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](mailto:preachercomic@gmail.com).

**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 PayPay Giving Fund <https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3122728>.

**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](mailto: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#/,](http://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.

**Souper Bowl of Caring!** The children/youth will be stationed by the sanctuary exit following worship on Sunday, February 11th, to collect donations for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring special offering. All of this offering will be given to Jefferson County Community Ministries' food pantry.

**On Ash Wednesday, February 14,** Pastor John will be available in the sanctuary from 12 noon until 1pm to impose ashes on those who desire them. From 1pm-3pm, the sanctuary will be open for prayer. Penny will be playing music for some of that time.

**You are invited:** Family Bowling Party at *the Game Zone, Shepherd University*, February 25, 2024, 3-5 pm. It's for everyone, our entire church family! Billiard tables are also available for those over 12 years of age. Arcade games are available but require individual payment. Snacks and water bottles will be provided. Bowling shoes are provided by the Game Zone (must wear socks). *Come for fun and fellowship!*

**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.

**A nursery is available** for children ages 2-5. Please see an usher if you want more 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 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.

**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) (<http://www.ctpres.org>).

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Birthdays this week:** Matthew Custer, Hollyn rossie, Mary Burns, Judy Miller, Heather Duncan.

**Anniversaries this week:** Dick & Denise Burns.

**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 –52; Nursery–2; Virtual Views–0

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.  
General Offering: \$1,275; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$28; Loose—\$20.

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

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

### **CTPC Upcoming Events:**

February 11th: Souper Bowl of Caring Offering  
February 14th: Ash Wednesday—sanctuary open from 1-3pm  
February 25th: Family Bowling at Game Zone 3-5pm  
March 5th: Life Line Screening  
March 24th: Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt following worship  
March 28th: Maunday Thursday Service 7:00pm  
March 31st: Resurrection Sunday

**For electronic giving, please scan here:**

