

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

10:30 AM



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## \*Sung Response

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” No. 716 (vs. 1)

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## 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

“Live into Hope”

No. 772

## \*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.**

*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.*

*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 "Praise!" arr. Mark Hayes  
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Rose Ann Glover

Call to Worship Psalm 112:1-4  
Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!  
**His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.  
**Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

\*Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 667

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**Restoring God, teach us to steal away and pray. We give thanks that you continue to heal. You continue to cast out those things we ought not have in us. Help us to perceive what you are doing among us, that we might learn your voice among the many that call for our loyalty and be better equipped to do the work you have for us. Restore us to community and show us how to live in gratitude, freed from the bondage of sin. 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 "We Are Forgiven" No. 447

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "Stand by Me" (see screen)

Scripture Acts 16:16-34 p. 1099

Message "How to ACT Like Jesus—Prison Again" Pastor John

\*Profession of Faith "Apostles' Creed" (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Who Is the One We Love the Most"  
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Glory Singers

*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.*

**“Who Is the One We Love the Most”** (today’s musical offering)

Who is the one we love the most, the one who has our total trust?  
Something or someone is our God, whose will is willingly obeyed,  
to whom we give the years we live: let that be you, our God, our Lord!  
Count ev’ry heartbeat, ev’ry breath, trace ev’ry step from birth to death,  
track ev’ry second to its source, each drop of blood, each blade of grass,  
the rising sun, and ev’ryone: let that be you, Our God, our Lord!  
Preserve us from all other gods, all dammed, deceitful, loveless frauds;  
compare them ruthlessly to you, the only One,  
eternal true Creator of all life and love: You are that One, our God, our Lord!  
A love no other god has shown, Your Son upon a cross makes known.  
How shall we worship such a God with more than words and passing nod,  
if not with whole heart, mind, and soul, like yours for us, our God, our Lord?!

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**Today’s Scripture Reading**  
**Acts 16:16-34**

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. <sup>21</sup> They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. <sup>23</sup> And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. <sup>24</sup> Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” <sup>29</sup> And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup> And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> 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.

**Notes:**

**The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church**

**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

**Monday, February 5**

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

**Tuesday, February 6**

12:00pm Basic Music  
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting  
7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

**Wednesday, February 7**

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

**Thursday, February 8**

2:30pm FCHC

**Friday, February 9**

7:30am A.A. Meeting

**Saturday, February 10**

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

**Sunday, February 11**

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

## 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.

**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](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 PayPal 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 worshipping. 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:** Luella Mullens, Nicholas Pizzuti, Linda Snyder, Mason Fowler.

**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—4; Virtual Views—NA

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.  
General Offering: \$3,215; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$70; Help Fund—\$20; Blanket—\$30; Hunger—\$323.

**Ushers for February:** Kaz Feldstein (head), Sue Flanagan (counter)  
**Ushers for March:** Brooks Kursey (head), Tommy Morgan (counter)

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

February 11th: Souper Bowl of Caring Offering  
February 14th: Ash Wednesday—sanctuary open from 1-3:00pm  
February 25th: Family Bowling at Game Zone 3-5:00pm  
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:**

