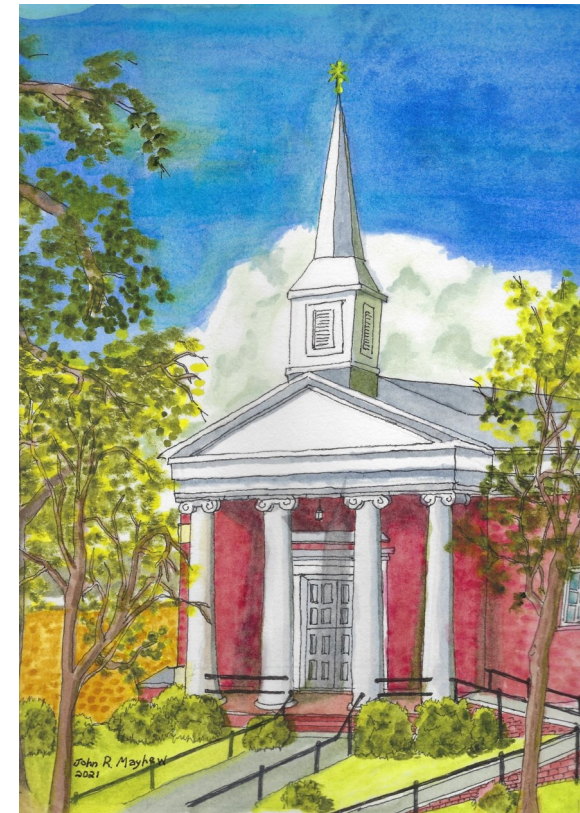


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

10:30 AM



*Sung Response

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” No. 804

*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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by William Runyan
Pat Dick arr. by Fred Bock

Call to Worship Psalm 113:1-4

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth
and forevermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

**The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

*Songs "From the Sun's Rising" LUYH No. 25

"I Believe in Jesus" LUYH No. 90

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, so often we have an idea of how our lives should go, with little thought to our relationship with you. We hold you responsible for all our difficulties, not realizing that you often use the hard moments in life to teach us and deepen our faith in you. Help us, Lord Jesus, to fix our lives around you, and stay faithful to you when we are tempted to blame you when things don't go our way. Help us to see your divine will and to always trust that you are with us.

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

Special Music "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Emily Lund
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Glory Singers

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

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
(© 2017 Alfred Music) arr. Carol Tornquist

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.

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” (today’s special music)

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou,
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.
I love thee because thou has first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
Oh, I love thee for wearing the thorns on th brow,
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.
Ill love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath.
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
“If ever, I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘til now!”
In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I’ll ever adore thee in heaven so bright!
Alleluia! Alleluia! The crown upon my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, it is now. Amen.

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Notes:

Today’s Scripture Reading
Acts 16:16-34

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

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, February 11—Souper Bowl of Caring

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

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

12:00pm Basic Music
12:00pm Charity Knitting Group
7:00pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

12:00-3:00pm Sanctuary open for
Ash Wednesday prayer
7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, February 17

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, February 18

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
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.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Jane Groves who died on February 3rd. May God bless those who grieve.

Souper Bowl of Caring! The children/youth will be stationed by the sanctuary exit today following worship 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!*

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.

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> .

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.

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.

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>).

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Charles Town Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 30, 2023. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque), Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Atrial Fibrillation, Osteoporosis Risk.** An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle. These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$139 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Informational flyers located in the narthex and bulletin boards. Register by calling toll free 11-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC> .

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Jeralene Tetro, Molly Blue, Ceil Frazier, Rose Ann Glover, Doug McDonough, Marty Kable, Joe Polvinale, Vera Reid, Ron Rossi.

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—66; Nursery—2; Virtual Views—0

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.

General Offering: \$27,265; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$25; Loose—\$52; Help Fund—\$80; Hunger—\$10; Capital Campaign—\$10,100.

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:

