

When directed, please come to the front of the sanctuary. The servers will tear off a small piece of bread and serve you. Please dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and an elder will bring the elements to you. Please indicate to your server if you would like to receive gluten free bread

Our sending is a recommitment to the mission of Charles Town Presbyterian

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**\*Sung Response**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**\*Hymn**

“Christ for the World! We Sing” (see screen)

**\*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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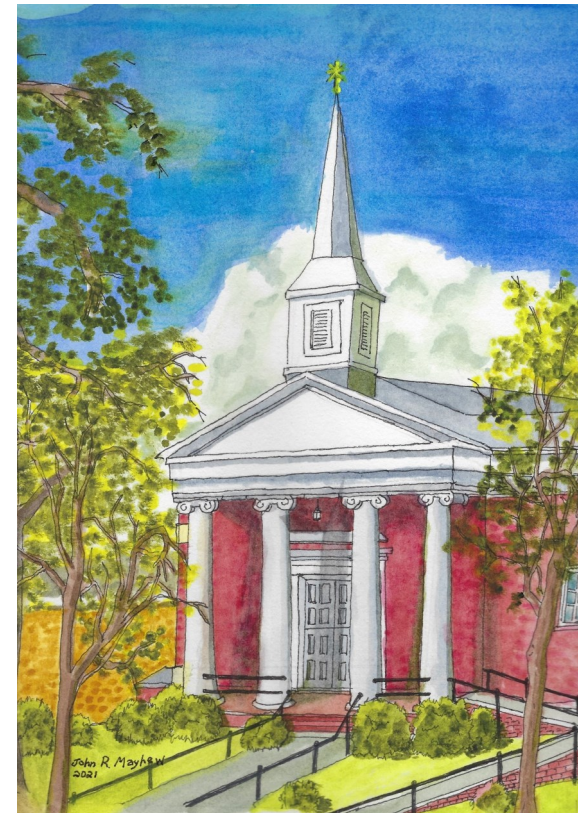
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# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

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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 "You Are My King w/And Can it Be?"  
(© 1999 Worshiptogether.com) arr. Tom Fettke

Call to Worship Psalm 113:5-8  
Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,  
**Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**  
He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
**To make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

\*Song "Praise Adonai" (see screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**You are the creator of the cosmos, and yet you tend to our needs. With your voice you plant the seed of your will in our hearts, where Christ waters it with an unending flow of love and the Spirit tends it as we grow ever stronger in your ways. We pray that, like a seedling, we might reach for the light and stretch our roots deep into the soil of your blessed foundation. 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

Special Music Rose Ann Glover

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" No. 726

Scripture Acts 17:1-15 p. 1100

Message  
"How to ACT Like Jesus—Two Very Different Moments"  
Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Come to the Table"  
(© 1991 Integrity's Hosanna! 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.*

## Notes:

### Today's Scripture Reading Acts 17:1-15

**17** Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. **2** And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **3** explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." **4** And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. **5** But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. **6** And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, **7** and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." **8** And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. **9** And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

**10** The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. **11** Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. **12** Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. **13** But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. **14** Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. **15** Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

### The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

#### **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

#### **Monday, February 19**

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 20**

10:30am Prayer Group  
12:00pm Basic Music  
7:00pm Session Meeting

#### **Wednesday, February 21**

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

#### **Thursday, February 22**

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

#### **Friday, February 23**

7:30am A.A. Meeting

#### **Saturday, February 24**

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

#### **Sunday, February 25**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
3-5:00pm Family Bowling at Game Zone

## 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.

**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!*

**Memorial or Honorarium Lilies.** Lilies are available this year to be placed in the sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday, March 31st. Please call or email the church office (304-725-5316 or [ctpres@ctpres.org](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org)) by Wednesday, March 13th, to place an order. Cost is \$15.

**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:** Get ready for this year's Easter Egg hunt, happening after worship on March 24th, rain or shine. Bring your family and try to find the most eggs, all of which will be filled with candy! We hope to see you there. Any questions see Marsha Dibbern or Garth Stevens-Jennings.

**Maundy Thursday Service.** Please join us Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. for our Maundy Thursday Service. The offering will go to One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Community Sunrise Service** to be held Sunday, March 31st, at 6:30 a.m., at Jefferson Memorial Park.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be collected on Resurrection Sunday, March 31st. The OGHs offering is used to assist people in suffering and in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People program.

**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 [preachercom-ic@gmail.com](mailto:preachercom-ic@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>.

**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>).

**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 Tuesday, March 5th. 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:** Bud Glover, Steve Bossung, Beth Pugh, Eleanor Puster, Kathy Shue.

**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—56; Nursery—0; Virtual Views—79

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.  
General Offering: \$11,270; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$39; Loose—\$89; Facility Use—\$120; Souper Bowl of Caring—\$327.

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

**Ushers for March:** Brooks Kursey (head), Tommy Morgan (counter)

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

February 25th: Family Bowling at Game Zone 3-5 Loopm  
March 5th: Life Line Screening  
March 9th: Kursey fellowship hall 11-5:00pm  
March 24th: Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt following worship  
March 28th: Maunday Thursday Service 7:00pm  
March 31st: Sunrise service at Jefferson Memorial Park 6:30am  
April 1st: OFFICE CLOSED  
April 14th: Spring Fling After-Church Luncheon 11:30am

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

