

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

10:30 AM



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*Sung Response

"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" No. 628 (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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

No. 462

*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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Class of 2025

Class of 2026

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Alex Bethard, Kaz Feldstein, Debra Low, Doug McDonough

Judy Edwards, Sue Flanagan, Debbie Henshaw, Brooks Kursej

Bob Tansill

Class of 2024

Class of 2025

Class of 2026

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Janet Harner

Steve Bossung, Thane Van Zomeren

Margaret Kursej

Class of 2024

Class of 2025

Class of 2026

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

"The Promises"

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Rose Ann Glover

S.V. Panchenko

Call to Worship

Psalm 116:6-9

The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

**Return, O my Soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

*Song

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

No. 393

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You have revealed to us the sacrifices of the Lenten journey as we go. Here in the middle, as we sojourn, we look back at how far we have come and look forward towards what is to come. Beloved God, you call us to stop and to be, to find joy where we are. You show us the beauty of the sky above and the firmness of the earth below. We breathe in the air of a new day, remember the rain along the way, and cling to the dreams of our nights. We stop and give thanks because we are alive and you are our God! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession

"Your Only Son"

No. 518 (refrain)

Children's Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"I Will Come to You"

No. 177

Scripture

Acts 18:1-11

p. 1102

Message

"How to ACT Like Jesus—Pressing On" Pastor John

*Profession of Faith

"Apostles' Creed"

(see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Larghetto "

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Rose Ann Glover

Beethoven

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.

Notes:

Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 18:1-11

18 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." ⁷And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. ⁹And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." ¹¹And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

8-5:00pm Life Line Screening
10:30am Prayer Group
12:00pm Basic Music
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting
7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

6:30pm Geneva Ringers
7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:15pm Choir
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 9

11-5:00pm Kursey fellowship hall
5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, March 10

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.

The session has called a congregational meeting following worship today. The personnel committee will be recommending that four weeks of the pastor's planned sabbatical for 2026 be granted for 2024, and used as part of an extended leave to allow the pastor to address some health concerns. Pastor John sent a letter to the congregation outlining the details and reasons for this recommendation.

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) 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.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected on Sunday, March 24th, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

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.

March 31st is 5th Sunday, the loose offering collected will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

Celebrate Spring with us!!! The Fellowship Team will host a Spring Fling Potluck on **Sunday, April 14th**, immediately following worship. Please bring a dish to share (main dish, side or dessert). Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please mark your calendar. Contact Lazan Rogers 304-886-5490 or church office with questions.

Mark your calendars! VBS will be Monday, July 15-Thursday, July 18, from 9:00am - 12:00 noon. The theme will be "SCUBA- diving into friendship with God". Scuba will take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Any questions, please feel free to contact Garth Stevens-Jennings (304-725-5316 or garthstevens-jennings@ctpres.org) or Marsha Dibbern (304-728-2278 or marshadib@juno.com).

The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun work on securing nominees for elders, deacons, trustees, and at-large members for next year's nominating committee. If you have suggestions for persons the CNC might consider, please be sure to speak with Hoyle Fulbright, Matthew Henshaw, Brooks Kursey or Kathy Shue.

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.

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.

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.

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>).

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.

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 -62; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-173

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$2,840; Designated Offerings: Sunday School-\$42; Hunger-\$53.

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

Ushers for March: Brooks Kursey (head), Judy Edwards (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 3rd: Congregational Meeting following worship
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

