

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024
10:30 AM

*Sung Response

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” No. 196 (refrain)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

“Hosanna”

LUYH No. 145

*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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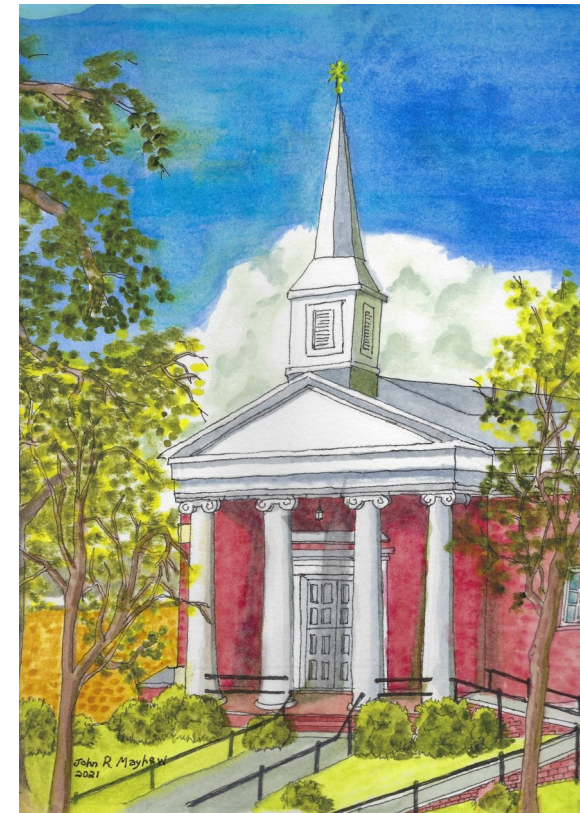
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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

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 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*
(© 2024 Grassy Meadow Music) arr. Jason Krug
Geneva Ringers

Call to Worship Psalm 118:19-23

The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

*Hymn *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* No. 263

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy One, we thank you for your promise to provide for us. You clothe the lilies of the field and feed the sparrows. We thank you that today hope rolls into town, a response to all the times we have looked around and found no answers. Glory to you for hearing our cries and for saving us. On this day, remind us that you always extend your grace to us. Forgive our sins, for they are many. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession
"There Is A Redeemer" No. 443 (vs. 1 & refrain)

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*
(© 2012 ThankYouMusic) arr. Peggy Bettcher
Geneva Ringers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* No. 630

Scripture John 12:1-16 p. 1068

Message *"Preparation for The Passover"* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *"He Will Hold Me Fast"* Ada Habershon
(© 2013 Getty Music Publishing) and Mark Merker
Glory Singers

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.

Session News

The session met in person for their monthly stated meeting on Tuesday, March 19 and took the following actions:

- Received the 2023 statistical report.
- Received as presented, the minutes of the February 20 stated meeting of the session and the March 3 called congregational meeting.
- Heard brief oral reports from the committee chairs, with no session action needed
- Heard a report on the February meeting of Shenandoah presbytery from ruling elder Kathy Shue and teaching elder John Bethard.
- Discussed issues related to the pastor's upcoming leave of absence. The pulpit is scheduled for the duration, and emergency pastoral care will be handled by the elders, Henry Christie, and the Rev. John Cushwa.
- Adopted a motion authorizing the session to vote by electronic mail for the following reasons: baptism requests, repairs done by a contractor with whom we already have a relationship, and facility use requests.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 25

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 26

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

2:30pm FCHC
5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 30

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

6:30am Community Sunrise Service at Jefferson Memorial Park
9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

Today's Scripture Reading

John 12:1-16

² So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial." ⁸ For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

⁹ When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

"He Will Hold Me Fast" (today's musical offering)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the temper would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

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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.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship.

Maundy Thursday Service. Please join us this 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 next Sunday, March 31st, at 6:30 a.m., at Jefferson Memorial Park.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on Resurrection next 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.

Memorial or Honorarium Lilies. If you purchased a lily, please remove from sanctuary following worship on Easter.

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.

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>.

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: Bethany Hollida, Peyton LaVallee, Diane Mayhew, Chloe Ruffner, Laura Van-Vuuren, Donna Burns, Jane Ishman.

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—69; Nursery—2; Virtual Views—65

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

General Offering: \$1,950; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$69; Loose—\$96; Facility Use—\$200; Lilies—\$75; Music Program—\$30.

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

Ushers for April: Debbie Henshaw (head), TBD (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 24th: Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt following worship
March 28th: Maundy 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

