

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 “We Praise You, O God” No. 612 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” No. 546

*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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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024
10:30 AM




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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.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Come Let Us Sing” Jody W. Lindh
(©1989 Choristers Guild)
Glory Singers and Alleluia Singers

Call to Worship Psalm 25:2-5
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

*Song “My Life Is In You, Lord” (see screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, we are continually in need of your grace. We are called to trust in you for eternal life, but we put our faith in our good works, hoping others will notice. Forgive us for looking away from you. Help us to understand the depths of your grace and to share that grace with all people. Amen.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon...
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession
“Freely, Freely” LUYH No. 136 (vs. 1 & refrain)

Sacrament of Baptism Jordan Pacilla

*Profession of Faith “Apostles’ Creed” (see screen)

Reception of New Member

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 223

Scripture Galatians 6:11-18 p. 1158

Message “Final Thought” Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross w/The Wondrous Cross”
(©2000 WorshipTogether.com) arr. Victor Labenske

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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.

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.

“Come Let Us Sing” today’s prelude
Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.
Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord ev’ryone!
Sing to the Lord, bless the name! tell what God has done!
Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.
Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
Sing to the Lord, lift up your voice! Praises all around!
Sing to the Lord with all your heart! Make a joyful sound!
Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.
Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
Songs of praise!
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Today’s Scripture Reading
Galatians 6:11-18
¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 17		Wednesday, November 20	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	9:30am	Staff Meeting
10:30am	Worship Celebration	12:00pm	Bible Study
11:30am	Geneva Ringers	7:00pm	CAV Meeting
2:30-4:00pm	Youth Group	7:00pm	Glory Singers
4:00-5:30pm	Kids Group	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Monday, November 18		Thursday, November 21	
5:30-1:00pm	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	2:30pm	FCHC
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	5:30pm	Friendship Meal Ministry
5:00pm	Prayer Group	Friday, November 22	
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
Tuesday, November 19		Saturday, November 23	
12:00pm	Basic Music	5:30pm	Friendship Meal Ministry
1:00pm	Silver Bells	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
2:00pm	Percussion	Sunday, November 24	
7:00pm	Session Meeting	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
		10:30am	Worship Celebration
		2:30-4:00pm	Youth Group
		4:00-5:30pm	Kids Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

This morning the session is pleased to present Jordan Pacilla to receive the sacrament of baptism. Please welcome Jordan to our congregation.

Mission and Outreach. Our Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for donations of hotdogs, rolls and plain tortilla chips for the Charles Town Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7th. We welcome your help as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade. This is a chance for us to greet the community and serve some free food. It is always a fun day! Please have donations to the church by Sunday, December 1st. Any questions please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411 or doyle.criswell@att.net.

Children's Thanksgiving Offering. This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loved ones. The Apostle Paul teaches us that part of living together in community is reaching out to our brothers and sisters when they face hardships, temptation, or sorrow. Four ministries started by leaders in the Presbyterian Church serve our communities and address the needs of thousands of children each year. By participating in the Thanksgiving Offering Program, our congregation will sustain the valuable services provided by: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; Presbyterian Home & Family Services and the Family Alliance. The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 24th. Note memo line "Thanksgiving offering". As always, thank you for your generosity.

The church office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. Have a safe holiday.

An Advent Celebration for all ages will be held following worship on Sunday, December 1st. A light lunch will be served. There will be carol singing, crafts and the trimming of the Chrismon tree in the fellowship hall. **Please join us!**

During the Advent celebration following worship on Sunday, December 1st, we will decorate the sanctuary. Any adults wishing to help decorate would be most welcome.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by **Wednesday, December 4th**, to sign up (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org). Cost is \$10.00, single stemmed. If you purchase a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after the 5:00 p.m. service on the 24th. Thank you.

Christmas Joy Service will be on Sunday, December 15, at 3pm. Our music ministry will present "Prepare the Way—The Road to Bethlehem," featuring our vocal and handbell choirs. Please join us.

Christmas Joy Offering. will be collected on Sunday, December 15th. Because of your generous gifts the Presbyterian Mission Agency is able to help provide brighter educational opportunities for students at historically Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges, a longstanding tradition of the church. Gifts to the offering also supported the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, a fund that stands in the gap to assist retired church leaders and their survivors in difficult times. Together, they make the Christmas Joy Offering a tribute to the leaders of our church—past and present.

Activity Bags for children attending Worship services are now available. Deacons will be offering them to any child attending. Children who are visiting may take the Activity Bag home with them. Children who are regular attenders will leave their bag in the Narthex to be used again the following Sunday.

A nursery is available for children ages 2-5. Please see an usher if you want more information.

Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table! The central Sacrament of our faith is Holy Communion. Preparation for this holy experience requires the hands and hearts of those willing to serve at the Lord's Table by preparing it for celebration of the Sacrament. We need your help! If you feel called to Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table please contact Lazan Rogers or any member of the Worship Team or the church office.

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.

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>).

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 CTPC Hospitality Center has created this wish list to assist in maintenance and growth. All donations greatly appreciated!



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Betsy Wall, Sharron Harrell, Allen Peacher.

Anniversaries this week: Dan & Linda Hart.

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—80; Nursery—3; Virtual Views—312.

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

General Offering: \$2,740; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$30; Loose—\$101; Poinsettias—\$20.

Ushers for November: Kaz Feldstein (head), Alex Bethard (counter)

Ushers for December: Doug McDonough (head), Brooks Kursey (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

November 28 th :	OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving
November 29 th :	OFFICE CLOSED
December 1 st :	Advent Festival/Decorate church after worship
December 7 th :	Charles Town Christmas parade 2:00pm
December 15 th :	Christmas Joy Service 3:00pm
December 21 st :	Longest Night Service 7:00pm
December 24 th :	Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm
December 25 th :	Merry Christmas—OFFICE CLOSED
December 26 th :	OFFICE CLOSED
January 1 st :	OFFICE CLOSED



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