

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

10:30 AM



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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 “Give Thanks” No. 647

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” No. 648 (sing twice)

*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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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.

Prelude *"We Gather Together w/Give Thanks"*
(©2003 by Lillenas Publishing) arr. Melody Bober

Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-5

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
**Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
The Lord answered me and set me free.

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.*

*Song *"We Gather Together"* No. 336

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord we are in need of your mercy and grace. We have so much in the way of material blessing, that it becomes hard for us to see what others lack, or even to have empathy for them. Forgive our arrogance, and help us to return thanks to you every time we encounter your blessings. Help us to live humbly and simply, and to spend ourselves for the sake of your kingdom and glory. As we celebrate and focus on thankfulness in the week ahead, help us to learn to be thankful always, that our lives would always focus on you. Amen.

Confessing our sins brings us to a place of humility, allowing us to hear God more clearly as we worship.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession
"Now Thank We All Our God" No. 643 (vs. 3)

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

Children's Moment

Special Music *"Canticle of Thanksgiving"* Dale Wood
(©MCLXXIII)
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song *"Give Thanks, O Christian People"* No. 644

Prayer in worship connects us to God and to one another.

Scripture Psalm 100 p. 592

Message *"Living Offerings"* Pastor John

Litany of Thanksgiving

Please pass the offering plate to your neighbors in your pew.

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Offering is our response to all that God has given us!

Musical Offering *"Thanks Be to Thee"* G.F. Handel
(©1947 by Neil A. Kjox Music) arr. O.C.C.
Glory Singers

The musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.

“Canticle of Thanksgiving” today’s special music

Creator, of glory, all seasons Thy story, the roses, the rivers, the ridges, Thy mirth.
The straining of power, of eons each hour, all heavens o’er meadows, old signs of rebirth.
The weeping in willows, all children in pillows, all valleys, all oceans, Thy spaces of birth.
Thy blossoms unfolding, all angels beholding, with morning and darkness renewing thy earth.
In quaking and thunder, when life breaks a sunder, in pain and in sorrow, all death is Thy door.
Thy table of prizes in daily surprises, our souls only feasting Thy treasure and store.
Through silence and wonder our spirits would ponder,
a sight of the brightness which saints now adore.
Thy love comes escaping while watching and waiting, our hearts over flowing adore Thee, adore.
Thy beauty so tender, we live in Thy splendor, O send us the life of the lamb on the throne.
Come, visit our tables, our castles and stables, till nothing and no one be ever alone.
Come, father, come, mother, come sister, come, brother,
the cup is o’er flowing, the harvest is done.
Rise up, O partaker! Give praise to the Maker! The banquet is set in the midst of the (Son)!

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“Thanks Be to Thee” today’s musical offering

Thanks be the Thee, thanks be to Thee. Thy holy name be ever blest.
Glory, honor and praise be Thine! Thanks be to Thee, thanks be to Thee.
Thy holy name be ever blest, Praise, adoration we sing unto Thee.
Thy loving kindness doth forever prevail.
Tenderly, tenderly guiding all those who come unto Thee.
Thanks be to Thee, thanks be to Thee, Thy holy name be ever blest.
Glory, honor and praise be Thine! Thanks be to Thee, thanks be to Thee.
Thou art the King o’er land and sea. Praise, adoration, we sing unto Thee!

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The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 24

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

Monday, November 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, November 26

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
2:00pm Percussion

Wednesday, November 27

7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, November 28-Happy Thanksgiving

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

Friday, November 29

OFFICE CLOSED
7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, November 30

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, December 1

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Advent Celebration—light lunch
Decorate Church

Today’s Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

100 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
² Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
³ Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our Rock, our Fortress and our Deliverer.

People: Let us remember his mercy. For he is gracious and compassionate.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for calling us to faith in Christ,

People: For putting your Spirit within us, for giving us the mind of Christ, for gathering us into your church.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace to us,

People: For calling us to a life of gratitude, for calling us to service in your Kingdom.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he satisfies the thirsty,

People: He fills the hungry with good things, and he heals the afflicted.

Leader: Let us celebrate his abundant goodness.

People: We thank you, gracious Father that you provide for all our needs, for good on our tables, for the clothes on our bodies, for the beds we sleep in, for the dwellings that shelter us.

Leader: We praise you, Lord, for all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,

People: For the things that make our work easier, for the conveniences of modern life, for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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.

Children's Thanksgiving Offering will be collected today. 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. 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 next Sunday, December 1st. A light lunch will be served. There will be carol singing, crafts and the trimming of the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. **Please join us!**

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

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.

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 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: Shirley Ferguson, Kylee Low, Mary Via.

Anniversaries this week: Ken & Kathy Reim.

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—70; Nursery—4; Virtual Views—247

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$2,545; General Offering 2025—\$3,000; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$28; Loose—\$178; Restore God's House—\$17,450; Help Fund—\$20.

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

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:

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

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