

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025  
10:30 AM

\*Sung Response “We Are An Offering” LUYH No. 118

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Song “Take My Life” No. 697

\*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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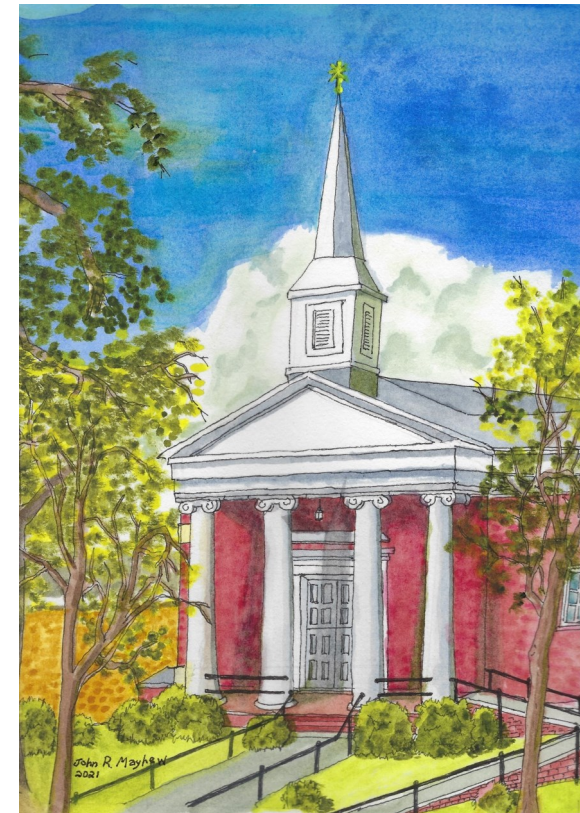
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**Trustees**  
Steve Bossung, Thane Van Zomerem  
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*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Here I Am to Worship” arr. Carol Tornquist  
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Call to Worship Psalm 27:5-7

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;**

**he will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,

**And I will offer in his tent sacrifices  
with shouts of joy;**

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;**

**be gracious to me and answer me!**

\*Songs “We Are Singing” LUYH No. 56

“You Are My Hiding Place” (see screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken,  
sinful creatures. You made us in your own image,  
but we tarnish your good name. You call us your  
beloved children, but we take your favor for granted.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon  
us so that we may live in a way this is pleasing to  
you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

\*Sung Response to Confession “Search Me, O God”  
(see screen)

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Ordination & Installation of Officers

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

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Song “I Surrender All” (see screen)

Scripture Romans 12:1-2 p. 1126

Message “Living the Christian Life-Worship” Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering “I Exalt Thee with I Surrender All”  
(© 1977 Pete Sanches, Jr.) arr. Victor Labenske

*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 humil-  
ity, allowing us  
to hear God  
more clearly as  
we worship.*

*The congrega-  
tion 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.*

## Today's Scripture Reading

### Romans 12:1-2

**12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Notes:**

## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### **Sunday, January 12**

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, January 13**

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

### **Tuesday, January 14**

10:30am Prayer Group  
6:00pm Deacons Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 15**

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

### **Thursday, January 16**

2:30pm FCHC

### **Friday, January 17**

7:30am A.A. Meeting

### **Saturday, January 18**

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Sunday, January 19**

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.

**Congregational Meeting.** The annual congregational meeting immediately following worship today. We will hear brief reports from committees, and review the 2025 budget.

**Ordination and Installation** of deacons and elders for the class of 2027 will take place during worship on Sunday, January 12th. Those to be ordained and installed are: Deacons: Tommy Morgan, Gary Scott, Ruth Scott; Elders: Christian Pechuekonis, Roger Snook, Kathy Shue.

**Save Lives By Giving** to the Blanket Offering for Church World Service to be collected today. Help fight hunger and malnutrition, meet emergency needs, nurture sustainable development, assist refugees and displaced persons, and help address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness.

**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.

**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.

**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 worshiping. 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).

**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/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>).

**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:** Carina Snook, Mason Noland, Georgie Wilson, Nancy Lloyd.

**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–4; Virtual Views–281

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.  
Sunday, December 29th General Offering: \$2,415; Designated Offerings: Christmas Eve—\$865; Poinsettias—\$20; Help Fund—\$305; Restore God's House—\$3,440.  
Sunday, January 5th General Offering: \$3,405; Designated Offerings: Loose—\$150; Sunday School—\$97; Blanket—\$10; Help Fund—\$180; Hunger—\$11; Restore God's House—\$5.

**Ushers for January:** Brooks Kursey (head), Debbie Henshaw (counter)

**Ushers for February:** TBD

**CTPC Upcoming Events:**

January 12th: Ordination/Installation of officers during worship  
Annual Congregational Meeting following worship



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