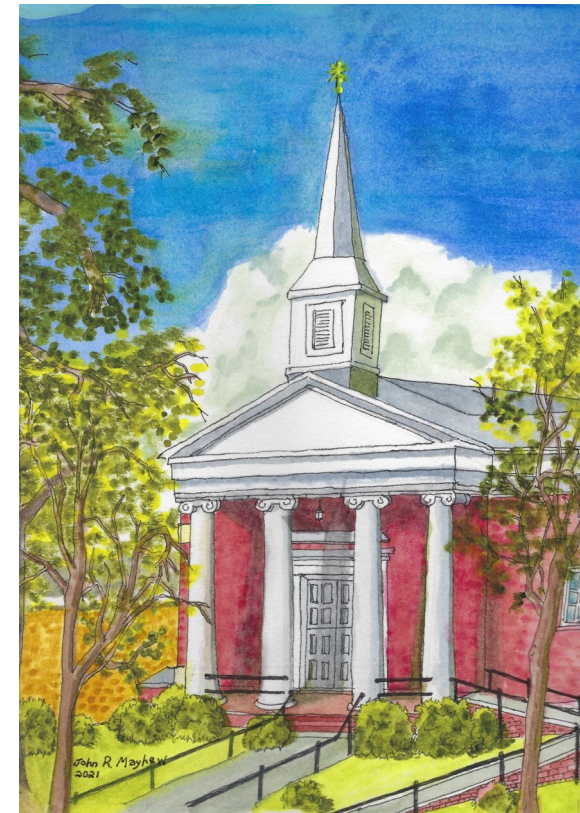


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
10:30 AM



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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” No. 306

*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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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”* arr. Jay Rouse

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Glory Singers and Alleluia Singers

Call to Worship

Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

*Songs *“I Will Call upon the Lord”* LUYH No. 7

“As the Deer” No. 626

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you have called us to a new way of life in Christ Jesus, a new way of life that involves being part of your family. Forgive us for falling short in how we love others, for focusing on the wrong priorities, for sitting on the very message we should be sharing. Help us, O Lord, to follow you faithfully, and to work together as your people, as one. Help us to love, forgive, and serve you and one another as we answer your call on our lives and on our church family. 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)

Sacrament of Baptism Jordan McLain

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

Special Music *“We Are Your People”* Brian Wren
John W. Wilson
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Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song *“One Bread, One Body”* No. 530

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 p. 1139

Message *“Living the Christian Life-Christian Friendship”*
Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *“They’ll Know We are Christians By Our Love”*
arr. Carol Tornquist
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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.

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 Notes:

The session met by Zoom for their stated meeting on Tuesday, January 21. Here are the highlights from that meeting:

- ◆ After opening the meeting with prayer, the following annual appointments were made by the session: Clerk of Session: Diane Mayhew; Alternate Clerk: Patsy White; Treasurer: Gordon Myers; Session CNC representative: Kathy Shue.
- ◆ The minutes from the November stated session meeting and the annual congregational meeting of January 12 were received as presented.
- ◆ Pastor John led the session in boundary training. Boundary training is new *Book of Order* requirement for all teaching elders and ruling elders.
- ◆ Several of the elders provided brief updates about the work of their committees.
- ◆ Approved the schedule for the Lord's Supper and special offerings for 2025.
- ◆ Elected Marsha Dibbern to serve as elder commissioner for the February meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- ◆ Scheduled Homebound Communion for Sunday, February 16.

Don't Forget: The Discipleship and Family Ministry committee is hosting bowling at the Shepherd University Ram's Den student center on Sunday, February 2 from 3pm-5pm. Even if you don't bowl, please join us!

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 26

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

Monday, January 27

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

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

2:30pm FCHC

Friday, January 31

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, February 1

5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, February 2

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

Today's Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

"We Are Your People" (today's special music)

We are your people, Spirit of grace,
you dare to make us to all our neighbors,
Christ's living voice, hands and face.
Joined in community, treasured and fed,
may we discover gifts in each other, willing to lead and be led.
Rich in diversity, help so to live closer than neighbors,
open to strangers, able to clash and forgive.
Glad of tradition, help us to see in all life's changing,
where you are leading, where our best efforts should be.
Spirit, unite us, make us, by grace, willing and ready,
Christ's living body, loving the whole human race.

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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.

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

Important TAX NOTICE: To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2024 income tax return until you have accessed your on-line giving statement. If you need the office to print a hard copy of your contribution statement please call (304-725-5316) or email (ctpres@ctpres.org) the church office. Giving statements will be mailed to those without email by the end of January. To access your giving statement go to [servantkeeper.com/member-portal/ctpres/login#/,](http://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/ctpres/login#/) go to giving history, under "overview" click on the drop down dates and choose year (2024), and the option to print your statement needed for tax purposes.

Family Bowling. The Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee is sponsoring an afternoon of bowling at the Shepherd University Student Center on Sunday **February 2, from 3-5 PM.** There is no cost for your participation. Bowling shoes will be provided. This is a fellowship event for the entire church--everyone is invited. The Student Center is located at 210 N. King St., Shepherdstown. Please join us!!!

Beginners Handbell workshop, this Saturday, February 8th, 11am -1pm. Limited space available. Contact Penny Liston at penfvfarm@aol.com.

Souper Bowl of Caring! The children/youth will be stationed by the sanctuary exit following worship next Sunday, February 9th, to collect donations for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring special offering. All of this offering will be given to Jefferson County Community Ministries' food pantry.

Let's Fellowship! The Fellowship Team will host a Soup/Sandwich/Salad potluck on Sunday, March 9th, immediately following worship. Please bring a dish to share (soup, sandwiches or salad). The Fellowship Team will provide drinks and desserts. Please mark your calendar. Contact Lazan Rogers 304-886-5490 or church office with questions.

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.

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: Sydney Fulbright, Mark Stafford, Matthew Custer, Hollyn Rossi, Mary Burns, Judy Miller.

Anniversaries this week: Dick & Denise Burns.

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 : Virtual Views—319

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering —\$35,000.

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

Ushers for February: Debbie Henshaw (head), Anne Portrey, Sue Flanagan

CTPC Upcoming Events:

February 2nd	DFM Family Bowling in Shepherdstown 3-5pm
February 8th	Beginners Handbell workshop 11am-1pm LaRue—fellowship hall noon-5pm
February 9th	Souper Bowl of Caring offering
March 4th	Life Line Screening 8am-5pm
March 9th	After-Church Soup/Sandwich/Salad Potluck Luncheon



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