

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

10:30 AM



*Sung Response
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” No. 543

*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

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 "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Cindy Berry
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Call to Worship Psalm 32:1-3, 10
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trust in the Lord.

*Songs "Take Up Your Cross" LUYH No. 117
"I Am the Light of the World" LUYH No. 144 (vs. 2, 3, 4)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful and loving God, we know you desire to know us. We see that in your incarnation, death and resurrection. You desire that we seek you and grow in our faith and knowledge, but we busy ourselves with distractions and idols. Forgive us, O Lord, and fill us with the desire to learn that we would know you more each day. Amen.

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

*Sung Response to Confession "We Are Forgiven" No. 447

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Ministry Moment Capital Campaign Update Roger Snook

Special Music "Wondrous Love (Medley)"
(© Arr. 1990 by Lillenas Publishing Co.) arr. Marilyn Ham
Rose Ann Glover

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 377

Scripture Acts 17:10-12 p. 1101

Message "Living the Christian Life-Study" Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
(© 2009 Lorenz Publishing) arr. Sandra Eithum

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 stated meeting on Tuesday, February 18. Here are the highlights from that meeting:

- Finally installed Roger Snook to the session.
- Received with regret, Carol Stokes' resignation as bookkeeper, effective May 31. Carol recently moved to North Carolina and has decided to fully retire this spring.
- Received the statistical report for 2024.
- Received as presented, minutes for the January stated meeting of session.
- Pastor John led the session in round 2 of boundary training. Boundary training is a requirement for all elders and ministers.
- Heard verbal reports from committees.
- Approved recommendation from the stewardship committee to remove twenty-one people from membership. These individuals have moved away or lost touch with the church and have not been involved in years
- Rescheduled homebound communion for March 2.

Today's Scripture Reading Acts 17:10-12

¹⁰The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹²Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 23

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, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
2:00pm Percussion
7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 26

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

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

7:30am A.A. Meeting
6:30pm Movie and Chili Night

Saturday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 2

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

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.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected today to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Discipleship and Family Ministry along with *Missions and Outreach* have planned a **Movie and Chili Night** on Friday February 28 with dinner at 6:30 and the movie at 7:15 PM. This is a Youth, Family, and Congregation fellowship activity—all are welcome! We have chili and hot dogs in the freezer from another dinner. But we hope that some of you will **bring a pot of your own chili recipe** for all of us to enjoy. Who, from CTPC, makes the best chili—maybe we will find out! The movie is *Christopher Robin* starring Ewan McGregor as an adult Christopher Robin who rediscovers the joy of life and family when he reconnects with his childhood friends (Winnie and company).

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.

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#/, 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.

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: Marsha Dibbern, Angie LaVallee, Brooks Kursey, Russell Low.

Anniversaries this week: Jim & Stella Bovard.

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—72; Nursery—4; Virtual Views—361

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering—\$1,515; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$17; Loose—\$140.

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

Ushers for March: Brooks Kursey (head), Anne Portrey (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 4th	Life Line Screening 8am-5pm
March 9th	After-Church Soup/Sandwich/Salad Potluck Luncheon
March 16th	New Members Class 11:30am, following worship
March 23rd	Welcome New Members during worship

For electronic giving, please scan here:

