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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (see screen)

*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 9, 2025
10:30 AM



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

Call to Worship Psalm 86:8-10, 12

There is none like you among the gods,
O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
I give thanks to you O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

*Songs “Glory” LUYH No. 148

“We Will Glorify” LUYH No. 55

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. When the poor cry out for help, we often pass them by. When the weak reveal their strength, we want to silence their voices. Forgive us, God of grace. Save a place, even for us, at that great banquet of redemption when all will be made well; 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 “We Are Forgiven” No. 447

Children’s Moment Pastor John

Special Music “Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”
(© 2018 City Alight Music/Faren Love and War Publishing/Integrity’s Alleluia! Music)
Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song “In Christ Alone” (see screen)

Scripture Colossians 2:6-23 p. 1169

Message “Problems with the Cross” David Weil

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

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.

“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me” (today’s special music)

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless
peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All
is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall over-
come
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall
repeat
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Music)

Today’s Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:6-23

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. ¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. ²⁰If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²²(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 9	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
9:30am	Glory Singers
9:45am	Alleluia Singers
10:30am	Worship Celebration
11:30am	Geneva Ringers
4-6:00pm	Pathfinders Youth Group
Monday, November 10	
5:30-1:00pm	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am	A.A. Meeting
5:00pm	Prayer Group
7:00pm	Technology & Comm. Meeting
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting
Tuesday, November 11	
1:00pm	Silver Bells

Wednesday, November 12	
7:00pm	CAV Meeting
8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Friday, November 14	
7:30am	A.A. Meeting
Saturday, November 15	
8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Sunday, November 16	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
9:45am	Glory Singers
10:30am	Worship Celebration
11:30am	After-Church Fall Fest Luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Warmly Welcome 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 we welcome David Weil to the pulpit.

Fall Feast & Fellowship: Please join the Fellowship Team next Sunday, November 16th, after worship for a time of Fellowship and Feasting. The Fellowship Team will provide fried chicken, ham and mashed potatoes. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert and a thankful heart. If you have any questions, please call Lazan Rogers (304-886-5490) or the church office (304-725-5316). The Fellowship Team welcomes any help cleaning up after the meal. Thank you.

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 23rd. Note memo line "Thanksgiving offering". As always, thank you for your generosity.

Six-cents-a-meal offering will be collected on Sunday, November 23rd, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The church office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 27th, and Friday, November 28th. Happy Thanksgiving and have a safe holiday.

The Birthday Cake Project ensures that all kids can enjoy a birthday cake on their special day. Because Christmas is the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it is an appropriate time to collect the contents for birthday cake kits and assemble them as part of our Advent Celebration on November 30. If you would like to contribute to this project and support our CTPC children and youth, you can do so by bringing any of the following to the church office during the week, or to the Hospitality Room on Sunday mornings no later than November 30: box cake mix, can of frosting, can of soda (Coke or Sprite), disposable cake pan w/lid, one birthday cake candle, gift bag, generic birthday card. Thank you.

5th Sunday offering will be collected on Sunday, November 30th, to benefit the Pastor's Help Fund.

An Advent Celebration for all ages will be held following worship next Sunday, November 30th. A light lunch will be served. There will be carol singing and crafts in the fellowship hall. **Please join us!**

During the Advent celebration following worship on Sunday, November 30th, 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 6th. 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, November 30th. Any questions please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by **Wednesday, December 3rd**, to sign up (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org). Cost is \$12.00, 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 14th, at 3pm. Please plan to join us.

Christmas Joy Offering, will be collected on Sunday, December 14th. 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.

Christmas Eve worship will be at 5:30pm, and feature communion and candle-lighting. Please plan to join us.

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.

Yokefellows Sunday School class is in need of two Sunday school teachers. Teachers are furnished with teaching materials from the Adult Bible Studies series. Teachers will only be asked to teach one Sunday per month. Please contact the church office if you are interested (304-725-5316 or 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/App Store) 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>).

A nursery is available for children ages infant -5. Please see an usher for more information.

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: Tracey Owens, Ruth Scott, Roberta Churchill, George Karos, Penny Liston, Quentein LaVallee, Cy Staniec, June Adams.

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.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person—84; Nursery—5; Virtual Views—N/A.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering—\$5,415; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$114; Loose—\$174; Help Fund—\$180; Homeless Dinner Donations—\$2,500; Hunger—\$10; Restore God's House—\$580; Sound System—\$200; Thanksgiving—\$10.

Ushers for November: Debbie Henshaw (head), Anne Portrey (counter), Bob Tansill
Worship Assistants November: 9th-Cy Staniec; 23rd-Steve Bossung

Ushers for December: Matthew Henshaw (head), Brooks Kursey (counter), Ann Portrey

CTPC Upcoming Events:

November 9th Pathfinders Youth Group 4-6:00pm
November 16th Fall Festival Luncheon following worship
November 22nd CTP Women's Group 10:00am
November 23rd Pathfinders Youth Group 4-6:00pm
November 27th OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving
November 28th OFFICE CLOSED
November 30th Advent Festival/Decorating church following worship

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