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*Sung Response “Glory to God” No. 583

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” No. 104

*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 30, 2024
10:30 AM



  
Know. Grow. Serve.
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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.

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

Musical Offering “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
 (© MMIII by Alfred Music) arr. Lloyd Larson

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

“*Comfort and Joy*” (today’s special music)

Tidings of comfort, we bring tidings of comfort, we bring tidings of comfort,
we bring tidings of comfort and; tidings of comfort and joy;
Tidings of comfort and joy; we bring tidings of comfort and joy.
Prophets and angels have given to us the great and glorious news.
When we read from the pages the joy of the ages, the human spirit will soar.
All the people are waiting to hear tidings of comfort and joy.
There’s a voice in the wilderness calling: “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”
Tidings of comfort and joy, we bring tidings of comfort and joy.
Prophets and angels have given to us the great and glorious news.
When we read the pages the joy of the ages, the human spirit will soar.
All the people are waiting to hear tidings of comfort and joy.
Ev’ry valley shall be exalted, ev’ry mountain shall be made low.
Make the crooked straight, and see the glory of God.
Come, prepare: O come, prepare the way.
Prophets and angels have given to us the great and glorious news.
Come, prepare ye a highway for our God.
All the people are waiting to hear tidings of comfort and joy,
tidings of comfort and joy, tidings of comfort and joy,
tidings of comfort and joy!

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Today’s Scripture Reading
Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 30

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
9:30am Glory Singers
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Advent Celebration/light lunch
Decorate sanctuary

Monday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

12:-00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting
7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, December 3

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

Thursday, December 4

5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry

Friday, December 5

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 6

2:00pm Charles Town Christmas parade
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, December 7

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
9:30am Geneva Ringers
10:00am Glory Singers
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Geneva Ringers
12:00pm Small Group Ringers
4-6:00pm Pathfinders Youth Group Caroling

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.

The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 14th, immediately following worship for the purpose of acting on the 2026 terms of call for the pastor. Copies of the terms of call are available in the narthex.

5th Sunday offering will be collected today to benefit the Pastor's Help Fund.

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 today.

An Advent Celebration for all ages will be held following worship today. A light lunch will be served. There will be carol singing and crafts in the fellowship hall. **Please join us!** 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 this 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 today. Any questions please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411.

It is urgent that we create a list of people who would volunteer to keep the nursery with Jordan for the immediate future. There will be a signup sheet on the piano and in the narthex. If you have not had a background check with CTPC this will need to be done. Tara will be resigning her position in the nursery after today, November 30. DFM will start taking resumes for this position right away. If you know someone who might be interested please call the church office: 304 725 5316.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by this **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 during the service. 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.

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

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 to 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/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>).

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: Kylee Low, Mary Via, Judy Holt, Doug White, George Tabb, Jannette Beeson.
Anniversaries this week: Ken & Kathy Reim.

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 –69; Nursery—0; Virtual Views—902

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering —\$755; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$33; Hunger—\$295; Poinsettias—\$24; Sound System—\$50; Thanksgiving—\$85.

Ushers for November: Debbie Henshaw (head), Anne Portrey (counter), Bob Tansill

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

<u>CTPC Upcoming Events:</u>	
November 30th	Advent Festival/Decorating church following worship
December 6th	Charles Town/Rason Christmas Parade 2pm
December 7th	Pathfinders Youth Group—Caroling 4-6:00pm
December 13th	Scared Spaces of the Season 3-7:00pm
December 14th	Congregation Meeting following worship 11:30am
	Christmas Joy Service 3:00pm
December 21st	Longest Night Service 7:00pm
December 24th	Christmas Eve Service 5:30pm
December 25th	OFFICE CLOSED—Merry Christmas
December 26th	OFFICE CLOSED
January 1st	OFFICE CLOSED—Happy New Year
January 2nd	OFFICE CLOSED

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