

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

10:30 AM



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**“Knowing Christ, Growing in God’s Love,
and Serving as the Holy Spirit leads.”**

*Song

“Trust and Obey”

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
What a glory he shed on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

*(Refrain) Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he will richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey. (Refrain)

But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows and the joy he bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey. (Refrain)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we’ll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go—
Never fear, only trust and obey. (Refrain)

(WORDS: John H. Sammis (1846-1919); MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919))

*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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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.

Please refrain from singing. Meditate on the words or speak them as the song is played.

Confessing our sins brings us to a place of humility, allowing us to hear God more clearly as we worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Down to the River to Pray" Mark Hayes
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Call to Worship Psalm 103:12-17

As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
**As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear
him. For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.**

As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower
of the field; or the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children.**

*Song "How Firm a Foundation" No. 409
(TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.;
MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832, alt.)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
O Christ who prayed for us, died for us, and lives for us, you
taught us that we belong to you, and your word is our truth.
Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if we belonged only to
ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, when we foolishly think that
power is the ultimate truth. Speak your words of truth to us
this day, and make our lives a testimony to your grace. For
you are the source of life itself, and only in you can we truly
live.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" No. 418 (vs.3)
O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
(TEXT and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1880)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the king-
dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response "When Peace like a River" No. 840 (vs. 1)
When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
(TEXT: Horatio G. Spafford, 1876, alt.; MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876)

Scripture Matthew 14:22-33 p. 975

Message "Going for a Stroll" Pastor John

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings
Offertory "Throw Out the Life Line" Edward S. Ufford
(© 1968 by Schaum Publications Inc.) arr. John W. Schaum

*Sung Response
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 607
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.
(TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988; MUSIC: Genevan Psalter 1551; Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The congrega-
tion responds in
song because
God hears our
prayer.

Offering is our
response to all
that God has
given us!



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: Romans 3; Tuesday: Romans 4; Wednesday: Romans 5; Thursday: Romans 6; Friday: Romans 7

Birthdays this week in May: Jimmy Low, J.P. Burns, John Fanjoy, Sara Fowler, Abby Duncan, John Karos, Lauren Rossi.

Anniversaries this week in May: Vincent & Beth Pugh.

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. HIPPA law prohibits hospitals from divulging their patient roster.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person--54; Nursery--1; Virtual Views--136

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934

Sunday's Receipts: \$6,685; Special Offerings: Homeless dinners--\$70; Memorial--\$25; Pentecost--\$60; Loose--\$38.

In-Person Worship Information

No Advance Sign Ups. Even just a few months ago, this would have been a necessary step, but as more and more people get vaccinated, we feel that signing up to come to worship isn't necessary.

Masks are still required. For the same reasons we still wear masks outside our homes, we expect all those worshipping to wear masks in the building.

No singing...yet. The virus is still out there, and it is spread via aerosol, meaning the water droplets that come from our noses, mouths, etc. Even with masks, singing remains a spreader activity. For now, we encourage attendees to speak the words of the songs and hymns we sing. The first moment we can sing without fear of spread, sing we shall! So hang in there, that time is hopefully coming soon!

Seating and social distancing. We are not blocking off pews, nor are we telling people where they can sit or with whom. By now, we should all know how social distancing works. We do ask that worshipers sit at least every other pew. When we serve communion, we will be bringing the bread and the cup to each person, not passing it down the pew. We need will access by way of the pew in front.

Offering. We will have offering plates available at the doors, and we ask that everyone drop their gifts into the plates as they enter. This is to limit contact.

Virtual worship will still stream. We will continue to stream worship services live over Facebook. If you don't feel well or don't yet feel safe, worship with us virtually!

Like we said in the fall, when we last attempted to open, this is a fluid situation. Please be patient. As we are able, we will relax these guidelines, and work our way toward a more familiar experience. Until such a time, we all must patiently work together.

Today's Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way^l from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind,^[d] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.

Pentecost Offering will be received next Sunday, May 23rd. Giving to the Pentecost Offering is investing in our greatest resource, our youth and our children. The Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of this offering stays in our local community and will be designated for Jefferson County Community Ministries. The other 60% will help support: young adult volunteer programs, ministries for youth, and child advocacy. Please note in memo line: Pentecost. Thank you.

Attention Graduates: We would like to honor your achievements. If you have a graduate in your family or know of any graduates (high school or college) in our church family, please call (304-725-5316) or email (ctpres@ctpres.org) their name, high school or college, and future plans to the church office by tomorrow, Monday, May 17th.

Sermon Passages: May 23rd: Matthew 15:1-20; May 30th: Matthew 15:21-28.

The flower chart is available for sign up. Available dates: May 23, 30; June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22, 29; September 12, 19, 26; October 10, 17, 24, 31; November 14, 21, 28; December 12. Sign up by calling church office at 304-725-5316, or by email at ctpres@ctpres.org. Please include your name, phone number or email, name of person(s) and in honor of or memory of. Please take flowers with you following worship.

Session Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, 7:00pm

<https://zoom.us/j/91075223945?pwd=UXd3ejJOeks4K3VuQnYobjdZSsRUQT09>

Meeting ID: 910 7522 3945 Passcode: Elder

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00pm.

Topic: Charles Town Presbyterian Church Bible Study

<https://zoom.us/j/96202042739?pwd=ZWt5aUhJYlBOVHJObE1RYmFoT2llQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 0204 2739 Passcode: 021517

Online Giving. Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God. In addition to the no-fee Facebook donations and nominal fee Paypal service, we set up online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation. **Money donated via any of these services gets deposited to our church bank account.** By going through the Foundation, the fee they charge actually helps the mission of their organization, which is to help Presbyterian churches to be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources. The exciting part about working with the foundation is that we are able to use a mobile app that is connected to our account. The app is called Give Plus (created by Vanco) and you can find it at the Google Play Store if you have an android device or you may find the app in the Apple app store by searching for "Give Plus." The great part about the Give Plus app is that you can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.



For electronic giving, please scan here:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 16

9:00am Zoom Sunday School (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

Wednesday, May 19

7:00pm Zoom Bible Study

Monday, May 17

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)

Thursday, May 20

6:00pm Homeless Dinner

Tuesday, May 18

7:00pm Zoom Session Meeting

Saturday, May 22

10:00am Zoom Read Group

Sunday, May 23

9:00am Zoom Sunday School (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

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