

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

10:30 AM



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

*Sung Response “*We Lift Our Voices*” No. 710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives;
they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

*Song “*Lead Me, Guide Me*” No. 740

*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.**

*Please hold the
bread and the
cup and partake
when directed,
when all have
been served.
Gluten free bread
is in the center of
the tray.*

*Our sending is a
recommitment to
the mission of
Charles Town
Presbyterian.*

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*Glory to God
the Presbyterian
Hymnal © 2013
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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.

During the Call to Confession we prepare ourselves to confess our sin.

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

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship Psalm 115:1-3
Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
**Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases**

- *Song "I Was Glad" LUYH No. 6
- *Song "You Oh Lord Are a Great God" LUYH No. 17
- *Song "We Bow Down" LUYH No. 57

Call to Confession

"Here I Am to Worship" Tim Hughes
(© 1996 Agape Music, from 12 Bells for Worship) arr. Patricia Cota
New Genesis Ringers

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You are the Bread of Life, O God, and you promise that we will never hunger again, but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things. You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements. You offer us peace, but we hunger for control. You bless us with plenty to share, but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours. Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness teach us to hunger for things that you do: to hunger for righteousness, to long for generosity, to work for the common good until all of your children are filled.

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
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Special Music *"Be Thou My Vision"* Traditional Irish
(© 2006 by Hal Leonard)

Sung Call to Prayer

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 465 (vs. 1)
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

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 kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Song *"Be Thou My Vision"* No. 450

Scripture Matthew 19:1-12 p. 979

Message *"Faithfulness"* Pastor John

Musical Offering *"Out of Love, He Broke the Bread"*
(© 1999 by Hal Leonard) John Parler/Benjamin Harlan
Glory Singers

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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

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

Session News

At the July 20 stated meeting of the session, the elders took the following actions:

- Received a thank you note from Mountaineer Recovery Center, which will be shared with the congregation via the newsletter.
- Received the minutes of the June 15 stated meeting of session as corrected.
- Received the minutes of the June 20 called congregational meeting as presented.
- Heard committee reports, none of which required action.
- Heard a report from the moderator on the July 13 called meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- Accepted with regret, the resignation of deacon Frank Donadio.
- By acclamation, appointed Roger Snook as commissioner for the August presbytery meeting.
- By acclamation, appointed Marsha Dibbern to assist with home-bound communion on August 1.
- Discussed church growth and how to set clear, measurable, and effective ministry goals.

Today Scripture Reading Matthew 19:1-12

Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ²And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

³And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” ⁴He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ ⁶So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” ⁷They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” ⁸He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

¹⁰The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” ¹¹But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. ¹²For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

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.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Sermon Passages: August 8th: Matthew 19:16-30, August 15th: Matthew 20:1-19; August 22nd: Matthew 21:33-46; August 29th: Celebration of Faithfulness.



Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: 1 Corinthians 2; Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 3; Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 4; Thursday: 1 Corinthians 5; Friday: 1 Corinthians 6.

The flower chart is available for sign up. Available dates: August 8, 22, 29; September 12, 19, 26; October 10, 17, 31; November 14, 21, 28. 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.

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:



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week in August: Jillian Donadio, Tommy Morgan, Linda Puster, Jimmy Burns, Kay Feldstein, Mike Kursey.

Anniversaries this week in August: Mike & Margaret Kursey, James & Amy Sheetz.

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.

Sunday, July 18th: In-person -43; Nursery-0; Virtual Views-135; **Last Sunday Worship:** In-person--42; Nursery--3; Virtual Views--92

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934
Sunday's Receipts for July 18th & July 25th: \$6,536; Special Offerings: On-Line Giving--\$200; Sunday School--\$89; Loose--\$10; Facility Use--\$75; Friendship Ministry Meals--\$36; Hunger--\$36.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 1

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

Monday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 3

7:00pm Missions & Outreach

Wednesday, August 4

10-Noon Quilting Group
7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:30pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, August 5

6:00pm Friendship Meal Ministry

Saturday, August 7

6:00pm Friendship Meal Ministry
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, August 8

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

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