

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 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

*Song “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*” No. 394

*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.**

Staff

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The Session

Roberta Churchill, Diane Mayhew, David Weil	Class of 2021
Marsha Dibbern, Lazan Rogers, Bill Whitacre, Patsy White	Class of 2022
Kathy Donadio, Beth Pugh, Roger Snook	Class of 2023

Board of Deacons

Alex Bethard, Debbie Henshaw, Shawn Pitcock, Kathy Shue	Class of 2021
Judy Edwards, Brooks Kursey, Jason Mullens	Class of 2022
Hoyle Fulbright, Matthew Henshaw, Anne Portrey	Class of 2023

Trustees

Ron Rossi	Class of 2021
Steve Bossung, Margaret Kursey	Class of 2022
Allen Rogers, Susan Wall	Class of 2023

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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.

We use the Musical Call to Confession to prepare for confessing our sins.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 116:5-9

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

- *Song "Great Is the Lord" LUYH No. 30
*Song "God Is So Good" LUYH No. 24
*Song "Resting In You" LUYH No. 93

Musical Call to Confession

"It Is Well with My Soul with Be the Centre"

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arr. Carol Tornquist

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted, and you save the crushed in spirit. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. You are near to people who are hurting, but we keep our distance to avoid hard conversations with you. You call us to help create a world where needs are met, but we hoard our possessions and cling to our power. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. By your mercy, forgive our sins.

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

"When Peace Like a River"

Bliss/Dale
Grotenhuis

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Glory Singers

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

"Open Our Eyes"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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Scripture

Matthew 21:33-46

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Message

"Tell Me the Story"

Pastor John

Musical Offering *"Open Our Eyes Lord with Open My Eyes"*

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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!

“When Peace Like a River”
(Today’s special music)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows rock,
Whate’er my lot, thou hast taught me to say:
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.

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Today’s Scripture Reading
Matthew 21:33-46

³³ “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

NOTES:

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.

You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday, August 29, at 10:30am, for A Celebration of Faithfulness! A service of hymns, songs and testimonies Celebrating God's faithfulness! We hope you are able to join us as we recount God's faithfulness to CTPC and how we can respond in the coming year. A light reception will follow on the church lawn.

Recently the congregation received a mailing with 2022 pledge cards and an informational sheet concerning the ministries of our church. We will be accepting the returned pledge cards through September 15. Cards may be returned either by mail or in person to the church office or deposited in the gold box near the front of the sanctuary on Sundays. The informational sheet concerning the ministries of our church is meant as a starting point as to how members may share their gifts and talents. Often folks wait to be invited to join a ministry, yet committee chairs are not always aware of what may interest an individual. Please take time to review the listing and seek where the Lord may be leading you for 2022 ministry involvement. All of us must pray that God will show us where he wants us to serve in and strengthen His Church. Thank you for your commitment to Charles Town Presbyterian Church.

Christian Education Sunday. On Sunday, September 12, we will highlight our Sunday School ministry in worship. We will celebrate this ministry and pray for our teachers and classes as we begin a new school year. We are blessed with so many great teachers and classes, and it is appropriate for us to thank God for this ministry, and to seek God's blessing on the year ahead.

Weekly Bible Study. As Bible study wound down at the end of spring this year, we talked about changing the meeting time. Some of the attendees are involved in the music ministry, and those rehearsals are usually Wednesday evening. We are going to try meeting at a new time, and the study will continue to meet via Zoom. Our new time will be 4pm on Wednesdays, beginning September 22. We are studying the book of Ezekiel, and all are welcome to join us.

Sermon Passages: August 29th: Celebration of Faithfulness.; September 5th: Genesis 4 (select verses); September 12th: Luke 6:27-36; September 19th: Exodus 2:11-15; September 26th: Leviticus 19:9-18.

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

The flower chart is available for sign up. Available dates: August 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: Jane Groves, Joe Hardy, Emily Rutherford, Lauren Fowler, Debbie Henshaw, Bill Whitacre.

Anniversaries this week in August: Allen & Lazan Rogers, Rick & Sue Trollier, Peter & Signe Garms, Ron & Stephanie Rossi.

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 -47; Nursery-3; Virtual Views-126.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. Sunday's Receipts: \$4,269; Special Offerings: Sunday School—\$24; Loose—\$20; Facility Use—\$100.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 22

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

Monday, August 23

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:00pm Worship & Music Team Mtg
7:30pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, August 24

7:00pm DFM Team Meeting
7:00pm Property Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 25

7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:30pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, August 26

6:00pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Saturday, August 28

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, August 29 Stewardship Sunday

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Reception on church lawn