

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

10:30 AM



*Sung Response “We Praise You, O God” No. 612 (vs. 3)
With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 307

*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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Know. Grow. Serve.

235th Homecoming Celebration

On Sunday, November 6, we will have a Homecoming Celebration marking the 235th anniversary of the founding of Charles Town Presbyterian Church. We will begin the morning with special activities in our Sunday School classes at 9am. At 10:30, we will worship, and it will be an incredibly special service, with guest speakers and plenty of special music. Following worship, we will enjoy a catered lunch, followed by some fun activities together. As the date draws near, we will have more details about the event. I'm sure you will not want to miss this!

We are currently looking for help in two ways. First, we are putting together a planning team. This team will meet regular to shape the events of this special day. Anyone interested in helping to plan the event is welcome to contact Kathy Donadio, the chairperson for the stewardship and vision committee. Her email is feebler8@gmail.com, or she can be reached by phone at 703-403-9189. The more people providing input and helping with planning will certainly make this a memorable day!

Second, we are looking for table sponsors to the lunch. We estimate that it will cost about \$200 per table for the lunch. We are hoping to find sponsors for eight to ten tables. This will not be a typical table sponsorship. Table sponsors will be recognized, but no one will have to recruit people to their table, nor will sponsors be assigned a particular table. Anyone who would like to sponsor a table should contact Pastor John for specifics.



Today's Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 7:1-13, 25-29

- 7 A good name is better than precious ointment,
and the day of death than the day of birth.
- 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning
than to go to the house of feasting,
for this is the end of all mankind,
and the living will lay it to heart.
- 3 Sorrow is better than laughter,
for by sadness of face the heart is made glad.
- 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.
- 5 It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise
than to hear the song of fools.
- 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot,
so is the laughter of the fools;
this also is vanity.^[a]
- 7 Surely oppression drives the wise into madness,
and a bribe corrupts the heart.
- 8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning,
and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
- 9 Be not quick in your spirit to become angry,
for anger lodges in the heart^[b] of fools.
- 10 Say not, "Why were the former days better than these?"
For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.
- 11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
an advantage to those who see the sun.
- 12 For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,
and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.
- 13 Consider the work of God:
who can make straight what he has made crooked?
- 25 I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is madness.
- 26 And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her.
- 27 Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher, while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things—
- 28 which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all these I have not found.
- 29 See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

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.

Pledge Cards. We will be collecting pledge cards through the end of the month. You are welcome to place them in the offering plate or in one of the gold boxes at the front of the sanctuary.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected next Sunday, August 28th, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Are you receiving emails for the church office? Has your contact information changed? To update your information please email the church office at ctpres@ctpres.org. Thank you.

Sermon Passages: August 28th: Ecclesiastes 8 (select verses); September 4th: Ecclesiastes 9:1-18; September 11th: Ecclesiastes 10:1-20; September 18th: Ecclesiastes 11:1-10; September 25th: Ecclesiastes 12:1-14.

Please consider the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: Jeremiah 31-33; Isaiah 21; Tuesday: Jeremiah 34-36; Isaiah 22; Wednesday: Jeremiah 37-39; Isaiah 23; Thursday: Jeremiah 40-42; Isaiah 24; Friday: Jeremiah 43-46; Isaiah 25; Saturday: Jeremiah 47-49; Isaiah 26; Sunday: Jeremiah 50-52; Isaiah 27.

For those who wish to continue with the Bible reading plan in 2022, you can access or download the document [here](#). This plan is a little different than the 2021 plan. The 2021 plan had only five readings per week, and we were able to finish the entire New Testament. The 2022 plan has two readings every day, and they are a little longer, but we will read through the whole Bible in a year. If you read through the 2021 plan, it is okay to use this plan but skip the New Testament readings. These are the readings from which Pastor John will do his daily devotions each morning on the church Facebook page.

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 Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on the Google Play or Apple App Store. You can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! Note: If you were previously using the "Give Plus" app, that has been superseded by the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement as of January 31, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you. **For electronic giving, please scan here:**



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Mike Ishman, Jane Groves, Joe Hardy, Emily Rutherford, Lauren Fowler.

Anniversaries this week: Allen & Lazan Rogers, 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.**

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. Sunday's Receipts: \$2,846; Special Offerings: Loose—\$75; Sunday School—\$26; Help Fund—\$191.

Ushers for August: Alex Bethard, Matthew Henshaw
Ushers for September: Matthew Henshaw, Doug McDonough
Ushers for October: Jason Mullens, Kaz Feldstein

CTPC Upcoming Events:

September 5th: OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day
November 6th: 235th Homecoming Celebration

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 21

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
3-5:00pm Kid's Group

Monday, August 22

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
6:30pm Prayer Group
7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, August 23

7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 24

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

Thursday, August 25

9:00am WW Workshop
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Saturday, August 27

8:30am WW Workshop
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, August 28

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
3-5:00pm Kid's Group