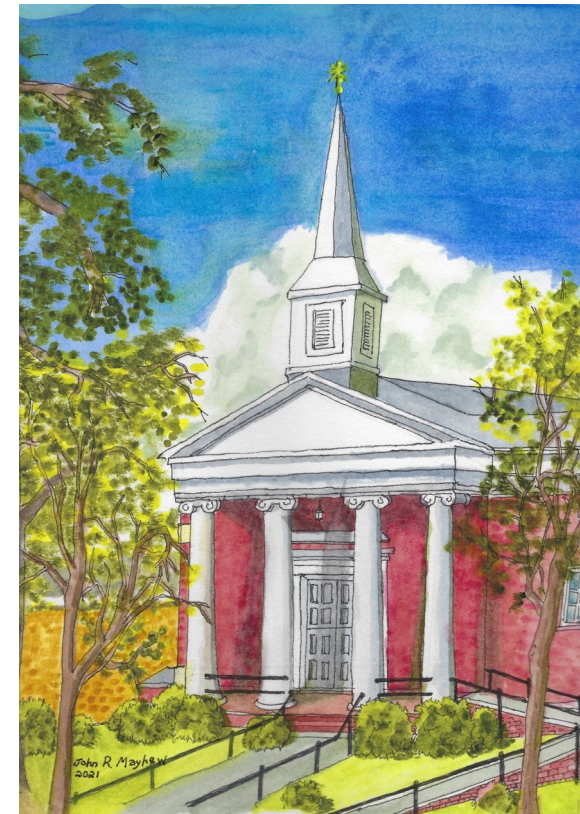


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” No. 737

*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.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Prelude “*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*” Sandra Eithum
(© 2009 Lorenz Publishing Co.) Tune: Grosser Gott

Call to Worship Psalm 30:1-4
I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
**O Lord my God, I cried to your for help,
and you have healed me.**
O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you
restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

*Songs “*Majesty*” LUYH No. 46
“*Holy Is the Lord on High*” LUYH No. 31
“*Sing unto the Lord*” LUYH No. 53

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and
that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own
way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others.
Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure
only. Help us to live in harmony with all people, sharing
your love and mercy to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Savior.

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

*Sung Response to Confession
“*Have Mercy, God, upon My Life*” No. 421 (vs. 1)
Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
Pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin.

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

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.

Special Music “*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*”
(© 1956 Galaxy Music Corp.) Gordon Young
Glory Singers

*Song “*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*” (see insert)

Scripture Ecclesiastes 8:2-9, 14-17 p. 661

Message “*Choose Wisely*” Pastor John

Musical Offering
“*Majesty with Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*”
(© 2004 Curious!MusiUK) arr. Carol Tornquist

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

*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 humil-
ity, allowing us
to hear God
more clearly as
we worship.*

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

*Prayer in
worship
connects us to
God and to one
another.*

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

*Please pass the
offering plate to
your neighbors
in your pew.*

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

Today's Scripture Reading
Ecclesiastes 8:2-9, 14-17

“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” (today's special music)

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia!
All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, praise Him forever.
Sing of his righteousness, praise Him forever.

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NOTES:

² I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. ³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, “What are you doing?” ⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. ⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? ⁸ No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it. ⁹ All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt.

¹⁴ There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. ¹⁵ And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

¹⁶ When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, ¹⁷ then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out.

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 today to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Are you receiving emails from 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: 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: Lamentations 1-2; Isaiah 28; Tuesday: Lamentations 3-5; Isaiah 29; Wednesday: 1 John 1-3; Isaiah 30; Thursday: 1 John 4-5; Isaiah 31; Friday: 2 & 3 John; Isaiah 32; Saturday: 1 Peter 1-3; Isaiah 33; Sunday: 1 Peter 4-5; Isaiah 34.

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: Debbie Henshaw, Bill Whitacre, Emily Pizzuti, Allen Rogers, Mary Rider Kline.

Anniversaries this week: Tim & Connie Casserly, Thane & Laura Van Zomeren.

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 -50; Nursery-1; Virtual Views-108.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. Sunday's Receipts: \$3,243; Special Offerings: Loose-\$128; Sunday School-\$24; Music Ministry-\$250; Scrubbies-\$20.

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

September 11th: Christian Education Sunday

November 6th: 235th Homecoming Celebration

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 28

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

Monday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 31

7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:15pm Choir
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 3

8:30am WW Workshop
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, September 4

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