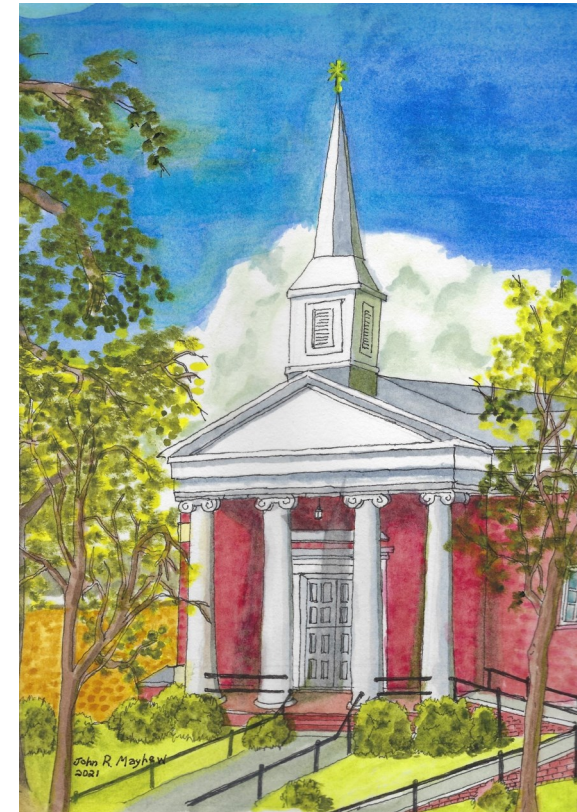


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

## \*Sung Response

*“We Give Thee but Thine Own”* No. 708 (vs. 1)

We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

## \*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 *“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”* No. 536

## \*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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*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

Prelude            *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"*    Mary McDonald  
(© 2013 Lorenz Publishing Co.)    Tune: Joyful Song by Chester G. Allen  
Rose Ann Glover

Call to Worship    Psalm 31:1-5  
In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to  
shame; in your righteousness deliver me!  
**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a  
rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**  
For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's  
sake you lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net  
they have hidden for me, for you are refuge.  
**Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

\*Song    *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*                          No. 275

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ,  
yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of  
our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not  
good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. For-  
give us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values  
and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what  
we build with our lives may give you glory.

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.

\*Song    *"Fight the Good Fight"*                          No. 846

Scripture    Ecclesiastes 9:1-18                          p. 661

Message    *"Blessings"*                          Pastor John

\*Profession of Faith                          Heidelberg Catechism, Question One  
*What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in  
life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair  
can fall from my head without the will of my Father in  
heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my  
salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, as-  
sures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly  
willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering    *"Ave Verum"*                          W. A. Mozart  
(© MCMLVI by Carl Fischer Inc.)  
Rose Ann Glover

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

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

*The Heidelberg  
Catechism was  
written in 1562  
for use in  
worship, to help  
congregations  
know what the  
believe.*

*Please pass the  
offering plate to  
your neighbors  
in your pew.  
Offering is our  
response to all  
that God has  
given us!*

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

*Songs listed with  
"No." are found in  
the purple hym-  
nal. Songs listed  
with "LUYH" are  
found in the light  
blue songbook*

*When this sym-  
bol (\*) precedes  
an element of the  
service, please rise  
in body or spirit.*

*Confessing our sins  
brings us to a place  
of humility, allow-  
ing us to hear God  
more clearly as we  
worship.*

**Notes:**

**Today's Scripture Reading**  
**Ecclesiastes 9:1-18**

**9** But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him. <sup>2</sup> It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath. <sup>3</sup> This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. <sup>4</sup> But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. <sup>5</sup> For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. <sup>6</sup> Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.

<sup>7</sup> Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

<sup>8</sup> Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head.

<sup>9</sup> Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

<sup>11</sup> Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. <sup>12</sup> For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

<sup>13</sup> I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. <sup>14</sup> There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siege works against it. <sup>15</sup> But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. <sup>16</sup> But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard.

<sup>17</sup> The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. <sup>18</sup> Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

## 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.

**The church office** will be closed on Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day.

**CTPC polo shirt** orders extended until September 15th. You can order by filling out the order form included in the September newsletter, or by contacting the church office (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org.).

**Sermon Passages:** September 11th: Ecclesiastes 10:1-20; September 18th: Ecclesiastes 11:1-10; September 25th: Ecclesiastes 12:1-14; October 2nd: 2 Timothy 1:1-14; October 9th: 2 Timothy 2:1-15; October 16th: 2 Timothy 2:16-24; October 23rd: 2 Timothy 3:1-17; October 30th: 2 Timothy 4:1-8.

**Please consider** the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: Ezekiel 1-4; Isaiah 35; Tuesday: Ezekiel 5-7; Isaiah 36; Wednesday: Ezekiel 8-11; Isaiah 37; Thursday: Ezekiel 12-15; Isaiah 38; Friday: Ezekiel 16-19; Isaiah 39; Saturday: Ezekiel 20-23; Psalms 123-124; Sunday: Ezekiel 24-26; Psalms 125-126.

**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:** Connor Howard, Ken Hetzinger.

**Anniversaries this week:** Samuel & Rachel Wilson.

**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: \$3,163; Special Offerings: Help Fund—\$400; Sunday School—\$43; 235th Celebration—\$200; Hunger—\$24

**Last Sunday Worship:** In-person —56; Nursery—1; Virtual Views—78.

**Ushers for September:** Matthew Henshaw, Doug McDonough

**Ushers for October:** Jason Mullens, Kaz Feldstein

### **CTPC Upcoming Events:**

September 5th: OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day

October 22nd: Yokefellows BBQ dinner 4:30-7:00pm

November 6th: 235th Homecoming Celebration

November 23rd: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm

November 24th & 25th: OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving

November 29th: Life Line Screening 8-5pm

## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### **Sunday, September 4**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

### **Monday, September 5**

**OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day**

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

6:30pm Prayer Group

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 6**

7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 7**

6:30pm Geneva Ringers

7:00pm CAV Meeting

7:15pm Choir

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Thursday, September 8**

9:30am WW Workshop

### **Saturday, September 10**

8:30am WW Workshop

5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Sunday, September 11**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

3-5:00pm Kids' Group