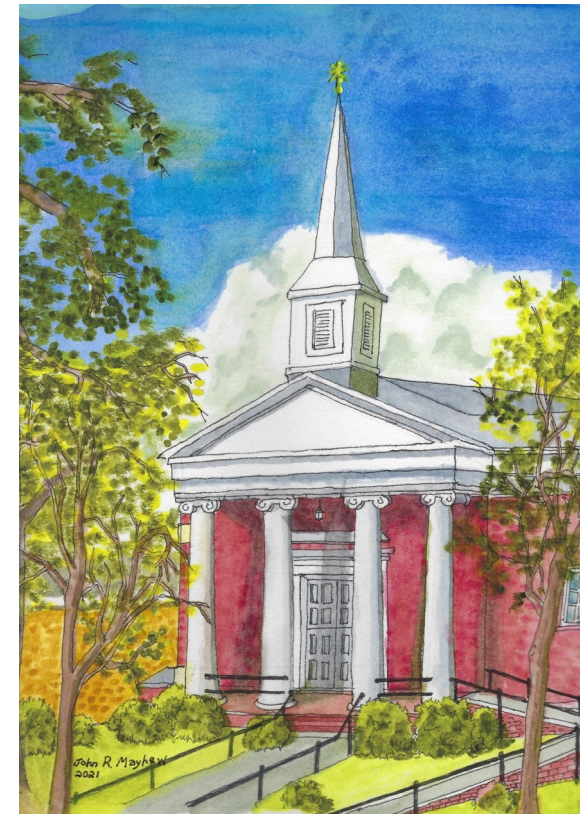


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

10:30 AM



## \*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

\*Hymn *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* No. 39

## \*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

*“Great Is the Lord”*  
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Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-4

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright!

**Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

\*Songs

*“Great Is the Lord”*

LUYH No. 30

*“Sing Hallelujah”*

LUYH No. 52

*“I Sing Praises”*

LUYH No. 35

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and the mighty. You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth. You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ.

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

Special Music

*“Some Things Never Change”*

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Heather Sorenson

Glory Singers

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

*“This Is a Time to Remember”*

(see insert)

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

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Message

*“The Conclusion”*

Pastor John

Musical Offering

*“Forever w/Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

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arr. Carol Tornquist

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

*The congregation 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!*

*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 humility, allowing us to hear God more clearly as we worship.*

**“Some Things Never Change”** (today’s special music)  
Some things never change. The clouds still bring the rain,  
The season still remain. Some things never change.

When all the things we planned are gone,  
and all that’s left are prayers and songs,  
God, you are the same. Some things never change.

Some things never change. Ev’ry midnight brings the dawn.  
Time keeps moving on. Some things never change.

When everything we built is gone, I’ll trust what I’ve claimed all along.  
God, you are the same. Some things never change.

I will lift my eyes unto the hills from where my help is come.  
I choose to live in faith, not fear. You’re before me, you’re behind me.  
Right beside me, you will guide me.

In darkness you’re brighter than the day.  
In this emptiness you’re leading me back to where I need to be.  
Lord, you give and take away. Some things never change.

Your mercies are still new. The things you said are true.  
When everything is said and done you call me your beloved one.  
God, you are the same. Some things never change.

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### **Notes:**

### **Today’s Scripture Reading** **Ecclesiastes 12:1-14**

**12** Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; <sup>2</sup> before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, <sup>3</sup> in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, <sup>4</sup> and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— <sup>5</sup> they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— <sup>6</sup> before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, <sup>7</sup> and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. <sup>8</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

<sup>9</sup> Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. <sup>10</sup> The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

<sup>11</sup> The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. <sup>12</sup> My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

<sup>13</sup> The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

## 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.

**Six-cents a meal** offering will be collected today to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

**The property committee** has scheduled an outdoor work day for Saturday, October 8, beginning at 8am. We will meet in the parking lot, and divide up the work that is needed. We will focus on general clean up -trash, weeding, sweeping, and other tasks. Please wear appropriate clothing, and bring some tools. Many hands make light work, and we hope to see many of you there. Rain date is the following Saturday.

**It is the time of year** when we start to feel a chill in the air. As the days grow shorter, and the temperature starts to drop, we want to feel warm, and cared for. Cold hands and feet are the most miserable feeling. Yes, we can take care of it, but not everybody has the ways and means to do so. As in years past we have had the needed collection we call **SOCK IT TO ME!!!**. Starting on Sunday, October 9th, the big basket will return to the front of the sanctuary to be filled with warm socks and gloves to keep our friends feet and hands in need WARM. This includes both men and women. We have in the past also added t-shirts, the upper body needs help too. So, lets start gathering for our needy friend to once again keep them comfortable. Donations may also be dropped off in the church office.

**Jefferson County Meals-on-wheels** announces its annual fundraiser soup & sandwich sale on Saturday, October 15th, 9am until the soup is all sold, at Asbury United Methodist Church, 110 W. North St.. Baked good will also be available for sale. Don't miss this great event!

**Get your tickets** now from any Yokefellow Sunday school class member, and plan to join us on Saturday, October 22nd, 4:30-7:00 pm, for fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked beans, desserts, and drinks. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Tickets available at the door. Please join us. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries.

**On Sunday, November 6th**, we will have a Homecoming Jubilee marking the 235<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Please consider** the following daily scripture readings this week: Monday: Daniel 4-6; Psalms 144; Tuesday: Daniel 7-9; Psalms 145; Wednesday: Daniel 10-12; Psalms 146; Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 1-2 ; Psalms 147; Friday: 1 Thessalonians 3-5; Psalms 148; Saturday: Joel 1-3; Psalms 149; Sunday: Micah 1-3; Psalms 150.

**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:**



**Sermon Passages:** 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.

**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.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Birthdays this week:** Ray Jamison, Margaret Damm, Susan Wall, Thane Van Zomeren, Violet Eilers, Tim Casserly.

**Anniversaries this week:** Chris & Margaret Damm, Jonathan & Vicki Burns.

**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 -69; Nursery-5; Virtual Views-64.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. Sunday's Receipts: \$2,413; On-Line Giving-\$775; Special Offerings: Loose-\$86; Sunday School-\$61; Homecoming Jubilee-\$200; 235 Polo shirts-\$56; Hunger-\$15.

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

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

October 16th: New Members Class 9:00am  
October 22nd: Yokefellows BBQ dinner 4:30-7:00pm  
November 6th: 235th Homecoming Jubilee  
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 25**

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

### **Monday, September 26**

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, September 27**

7:00pm DFM Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 28**

6:30pm Geneva Ringers  
7:00pm CAV Meeting  
7:15pm Choir  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Thursday, September 29**

9:00am WW Workshop

### **Saturday, October 1**

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

### **Sunday, October 2**

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