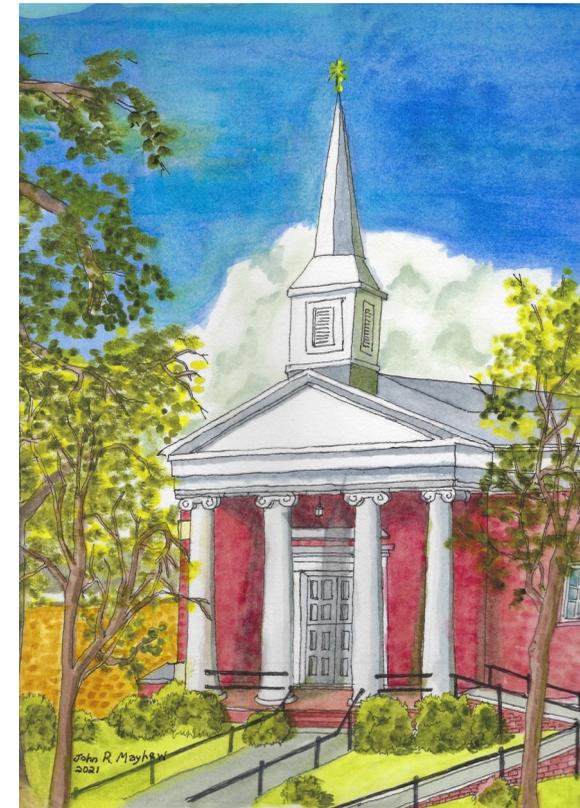


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

10:30 AM



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*Sung Response “We Praise You, O Lord” No. 612 (verse 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” No. 463

*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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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (please use this time to quietly prepare for worship)

"It Is Well" arr. Joel Raney

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Geneva Ringers

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

*Songs *"Shout to The Lord"* (see insert)

"What Does the Lord Require?" LUYH No. 97

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, we confess that we do not always model your grace and love. We ignore our own shortcomings while judging the sins of others. We give ourselves a pass while holding others to impossible standards. Help us see the need for your grace and mercy in ourselves, and to show that grace and mercy to others instead of judgment and hypocrisy. We humbly seek your forgiveness in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *"When Peace Like a River"* No. 840

Scripture Matthew 23:23-28 p. 985

Message *"You Are Filled with Death"* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *"How Firm a Foundation"* arr. Cindy Berry
(© 2013 Alfred Music)

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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

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 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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 9:00am

Are you new to Charles Town Presbyterian Church?

Do you want to learn more about your faith?

Would you like to consider uniting with CTPC in membership?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, then please consider attending the New Members Class on Sunday, March 26th, in Room 114 (parlor). During the class we will cover what it means to be a Christian, who we are as a church at CTPC, and why it’s important to unite with a congregation. To sign up, please fill out the information below, and we’ll plan on seeing you on the 26th of March.

Those wishing to unite in membership will be able to meet with church elders immediately following the class and will be introduced to the congregation during the worship service on Sunday, April 2nd, at 10:30am.

You may sign up by filling out below and placing in the offering plate, dropping off at church office, calling or emailing church office (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### Sunday, March 12

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:10am Morning Prayer in Library  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
3-5:00pm Kids Group

### Monday, March 13

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)  
7:00pm Stewardship & Vision Meeting  
7:00pm Technology & Communication Mtg  
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

### Tuesday, March 14

10:30am Prayer Group  
1:00pm Silver Bells  
7:00pm Deacons Meeting—in person

### Wednesday, March 15

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

### Thursday, March 16

9:00am WW Workshop  
2:30pm FCHC  
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

### Saturday, March 18

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

### Sunday, March 19

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:10am Morning Prayer in Library  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
3-5:00pm Kids Group

## Today’s Scripture Reading

Matthew 23:23-28

<sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup> You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

<sup>27</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness. <sup>28</sup> So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

**Notes:**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Warmly Welcome Visitors** in the 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 Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee** is sponsoring an afternoon of bowling on Sunday, March 26th, 3-5pm, at Shepherd University in the Student Center, located at 210 N. King St., Shepherdstown. Youth/Families, Old/Young, Singles/Couples, Everyone is invited. There is no cost for participation. Shoes are provided. Please plan to join us. Any questions see Marsha Dibbern or Garth Stevens-Jennings.

**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:** Get ready for this year's Easter Egg hunt, happening after worship of April 2nd, rain or shine. Bring your family and try to find the most eggs, all of which will be filled with candy! We hope to see you there. Any questions see Marsha Dibbern or Garth Stevens-Jennings.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be collected on Resurrection Sunday, April 9th. The OGHs offering is used to assist people in suffering and in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People program.

**The Congregational Nominating Committee** has begun work on securing nominees for elders, deacons, trustees, and at-large members for next year's nominating committee. If you have suggestions for persons the CNC might consider, please be sure to speak with Henry Christie, Matthew Henshaw, Allen Peacher, Kathy Shue or Bob Tansill.

**Worship Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with two tasks. The first task is to help set up communion around 9 am on the first Sunday of each month. If you volunteer, there will be someone to train and help you learn the procedure. The second task is to help set up the hospitality station by the library each Sunday. We would love to have you join us with your service to CTPC. If you are able to help please contact Lazan Roger at: [lazanrogers@yahoo.com](mailto:lazanrogers@yahoo.com), Signe Garms at: [signegarms@gmail.com](mailto:signegarms@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Bible Study** will meet via Zoom **every Wednesday from 12noon until 1pm**. For those who wish, they could join us from work, if that's allowed by their employer. We will be studying the gospel of Luke. I am hoping this time change will make Bible Study more available to everyone. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96202042739>.

**Special Mission Offerings.** The session recently approved two special offerings. First, Mike and Cathy Sander, the missionaries we support in Eswatini, need a new vehicle. Their 13 year old Toyota is no long cost-effective to keep repairing. Thank you for your donations which totaled \$1,575 for the Sander's. The second offering is for your Ukraine. We will be collecting monies until March 31, which we will send to World Vision, who is helping with humanitarian aid. If you wish to help with this offering, please make the note, "Multiply Your Blessings" on your check and place in the offering plate. To date, the congregation has raised \$2,315 for Ukraine.

**Mission and Outreach News!** The Friendship meals are covered except for September 2nd, and December 2nd. Think about pairing up with some friends and serving a meal to the many in need of a nice meal. Serving starts at 5:30, and it only takes about an hour. If you need help and would like to serve please call Doyle Criswell 681-252-1078.

**Online giving** helps you to bring your offering before God. Money donated via any of the services listed here gets deposited to our church bank account. You can donate fee-free via Facebook or for a nominal fee, use the Presbyterian Foundation or PayPal. The Presbyterian Foundation fee does help the organization's mission, and you can easily use a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on Google Play/Apple AppStore) to set up for repeating or one time giving. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Donation options and tax information at [www.ctpres.org](http://www.ctpres.org). Thank you.

**2023 Giving Envelopes** are now available in the narthex. If you give with a check, envelopes are not necessary. If giving with cash, please write your name on an envelope to enable us to credit your giving statement properly.

**The flower chart for 2023** is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

**Life Line Screening**, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Charles Town Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 30, 2023. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque), Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Atrial Fibrillation, Osteoporosis Risk.** An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle. These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$139 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Informational flyers located in the narthex and bulletin boards. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://ilsa.social/HC>.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Birthdays this week:** Joseph Farmer, Michael Thompson, David VanVuuren.

**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 -70; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-85.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$3,581; Designated Offerings: Sunday School-\$40; Loose-\$108; Ukraine-multiply your blessings-\$300; Ash Wednesday-\$265; Help Fund-\$180; Hunger-\$11; Shirts-\$50.

**Ushers for March:** Alex Bethard, Hoyle Fulbright

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

|             |                                                                                             |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 26th: | New Members Class 9:00am in Room 114<br>Family Bowling at Shepherd 3-5pm                    |
| March 30th: | Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm                                                                |
| April 2nd:  | Palm Sunday<br>Reception of New Members during worship<br>Easter Egg Hunt following worship |
| April 6th:  | Maundy Thursday service 7:00pm                                                              |
| April 7th:  | Community Cross Walk at Asbury UMC 10:00am                                                  |
| April 9th:  | Resurrection Sunday<br>Community Sunrise Service at Jefferson Memorial Park 6:30am          |
| April 10th: | OFFICE CLOSED                                                                               |
| April 23rd: | Spring Fling After-Church Potluck Luncheon 11:30am                                          |
| May 29th:   | OFFICE CLOSED                                                                               |
| June 3rd:   | Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-7:00pm                                                          |

**For electronic giving, please scan here:**

