

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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*Sung Response “God, We Honor You” No. 709
(see screen)

*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

*Hymn “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.

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Class of 2025

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Hoyle Fulbright, Matthew Henshaw, Tommy Morgan, Anne Portrey
Alex Bethard, Kaz Feldstein, Debra Low, Doug McDonough
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Janet Harner
Steve Bossung, Thane Van Zomeren

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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023
10:30 AM





Know. Grow. Serve.

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Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.

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.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
(© 1988 Agape) arr. D. Linda McKechnie
Geneva Ringers

Call to Worship Psalm 68:1-4
God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!
As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!
But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!
Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord exult before him!

*Hymn “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” No. 804

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don’t get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life.

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

*Sung Response to Confession
“I Need Thee Every Hour” No. 735 (refrain)
(see screen)

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “You Are My Refuge, Faithful God” No. 214

Scripture Psalm 31:1-5 p. 545

Message “God Is My Rock” Pastor John

*Profession of Faith “Apostles’ Creed” (words on the screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering Pastorale on “Blessed Assurance”
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Rose Ann Glover

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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

While not written by the apostles the Apostles Reflects the faith of the early church. It has undergone numerous revisions attaining its final form during the 8th century.

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.



God wants the best for us
and wants to bless us in every area of our lives.
One of the ways He does this
is by surrounding us with
people who love and care for us.
We've been created to be
in relationship with one another.

*THE CAROL CHOIR WOULD LIKE THEIR
FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CONGREGATION
TO SURROUND THEM IN LOVE
BY PARTICIPATING IN THEIR ANTHEM ON MAY 14TH*

*THE LORD BLESS YOU,
AND KEEP YOU:
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU,
AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU:
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU,
AND GIVE YOU PEACE"
(NUMBERS 6:24-26).*

Today's Scripture Reading
Psalm 31:1-5

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

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 7		Wednesday, May 10	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	12:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
10:10am	Morning Prayer in Library	6:30pm	Geneva Ringers
10:30am	Worship Celebration	7:00pm	CAV Meeting
11:30am	Congregational Meeting	7:15pm	Choir
3:00pm	Kids Group	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Monday, May 8		Thursday, May 11	
5:30-1:00pm	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	2:30pm	FCHC
7:00pm	Stewardship & Vision Meeting	Saturday, May 13	
7:00pm	Technology & Communication Mtg	5:30pm	Friendship Ministry Meal
7:30 pm	A.A. Meeting	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Tuesday, May 9		Sunday, May 14	
10:30am	Prayer Group	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
7:00pm	Deacons Meeting	10:10am	Morning Prayer in Library
		10:30am	Worship Celebration
		3:00pm	Kids Group

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.

Called Congregational Meeting. The session has called a congregational meeting today immediately following worship, to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee. At that meeting, the CNC will recommend the congregation reduce the number of trustees from five to three. This is largely due to changes in the board structure at Edge Hill Cemetery. The CNC will place the following people in nomination: Elder, class of 2026: Diane Mayhew, Beth Pugh, Patsy White; Deacons, class of 2026: Bob Tansill, Emily Rutherford, Roy Dick; Trustee, class of 2026: Margaret Kursey; CNC, class of 2026: Hoyle Fulbright, Matthew Henshaw, Anne Portrey. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Attention Graduates: We would like to honor your achievements. If you have a graduate in your family or know of any graduates (high school or college) in our church family, please call (304-725-5316) or email (ctpres@ctpres.org) their name, high school or college, and future plans to the church office by Monday, May 15th.

Please join us at the Hospitality Station on Sunday, May 21st, immediately after worship for a Bagel Bar Brunch! If you or your Sunday School class would like to sponsor a 3rd Sunday brunch, a sign-up sheet is located on the piano in the sanctuary! May this time of fellowship give you an opportunity to discuss the sermon, upcoming activities, visit the library and take joy in the Lord! For more information see Penny Liston.

Pentecost Offering. Giving to the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, May 28th, is investing in our greatest resource, our youth and our children. The Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of this offering stays in our local community and will be designated for Jefferson County Community Ministries. The other 60% will help support: young adult volunteer programs, ministries for youth, and child advocacy.

OFFICE CLOSED, Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, June 3rd, 4:30-7:00 pm, for fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked bean, desserts, and drinks provided. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries.

News flash!! Join us this summer for ***Stellar*** Vacation Bible School, July 17-20, 2023, 9am-noon. ***Stellar*** will rocket kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that is light years of fun! SAVE THE DATE more to come... We are actively seeking volunteers right now for VBS. If you want to help in any way--teaching, teacher's aide, leading games, providing snacks, making decorations, decorating the Fellowship Hall and classrooms, helping to organize or advertise--please let us know You can contact the church office (ctpres@ctpres.org), Garth Stevens-Jennings (garthstevensjennings@ctpes.org) or Marsha Dibbern (marshadib@juno.com).

Mission and Outreach. Our Mission and Outreach Committee is involved in several projects, but we need assistance. Will you help with one of the following? Assisting with at least one Friendship Meal, which is served the first Saturday of each month; Writing letters or sending cards to our missionaries, shut-ins, and others in our church family; Leading or Assisting with our "Sock-It-To-Me" campaign to collect socks for the Jefferson County Community Ministries during November; Helping as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade. Please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411 or doyle.criswell@att.net

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. Thank you.

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Madison Walker, Karen Gregoryk, Rebecca Stevens, Dea Ping,

Anniversaries this week: Shawn & Tammy Connors, John & Karen Gregoryk.

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 -56; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-97.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$2,160; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$57; Help Fund—\$47.

Ushers for May: Hoyle Fulbright (head), Tommy Morgan (counter)

Ushers for June: Anne Portrey (head), Kaz Feldstein (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

May 7th:	Congregational Meeting 11:30am
May 13th:	VBS Workday 9:00am -Noon
May 29th:	OFFICE CLOSED
June 3rd:	Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-7:00pm
July 4th:	OFFICE CLOSED
July 17th -July 20th:	Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon
July 31st:	Life Line Screening

For electronic giving, please scan here:

