

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

10:30 AM



\*Sung Response “We Lift Our Voices” No. 710

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Song “Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing” No. 319

\*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.**

“Give Me Jesus” (today’s special music)

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

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*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 “Amazing Grace”  
Ken Reim and Penny Liston

Call to Worship Psalm 97:9-12

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

**O you who love the Lord, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in hearts.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!**

\*Songs “He Is Exalted” LUYH No. 33

“Surely It Is God” LUYH No. 81

“From the Sun’s Rising” LUYH No. 25

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy.

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

Special Music “Give Me Jesus” arr. Mark Patterson  
((c)2009 Choristers Guild) African American spiritual  
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Song “In Christ There Is No East or West” No. 318

Scriptures Acts 10:1-8; 9-16; 23b-29; 44-48 p. 1091

Message “How to ACT Like Jesus—Outside the Box”  
Pastor John

\*Sung Response to Message  
“That We May Act Like Jesus” (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering  
“Shout to the North with Rise Up, O Church of God”  
arr. Tom Fettke

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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.*

*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.*

## Session News

The session met for its September stated meeting on Tuesday, September 19, and took the following actions:

- Received as corrected, the minutes from the August stated meeting and the September 10 called meeting.
- Heard a report from the August meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- Unanimously approved a motion from the Stewardship and Vision committee to begin formulating a capital campaign to fund the balance of the sanctuary roof replacement and some long-deferred maintenance and beautification projects. The congregation will be kept up to date as the campaign takes shape.
- Unanimously approved a motion from the Worship and Music committee to adopt the following schedule of special services through the end of the year:

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thanksgiving Eve | 11/22 @ 7:00pm              |
| Christmas Joy    | 12/10 @ 3:00pm              |
| Longest Night    | 12/21 @7:00pm               |
| Christmas Eve    | 10:30am and 5:00pm (Sunday) |
| New Year's Eve   | 10:30am                     |
- Spent time in prayer for the needs of the congregation and community.

## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### Sunday, September 24

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
9:45am Choir  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:30am Children's Choir  
11:30am Officer Training  
3-5:00pm Kid's Group

### Monday, September 25

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

### Tuesday, September 26

1:00pm Silver Bells  
7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

### Wednesday, September 27

12:00pm Zoom Bible Study  
6:30pm Geneva Ringers  
7:00pm CAV Meeting  
7:15pm Choir  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### Thursday, September 28

2:30pm FCHC  
5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry

### Friday, September 29

7:30am A.A. Meeting

### Saturday, September 30

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### Sunday, October 1—World Communion

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:30am Children's Choir  
3-5:00pm Kid's Group

## Today's Scripture Reading Acts 10:1-8; 9-16; 23b-29; 44-48

**10** At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, <sup>2</sup>a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. <sup>3</sup>About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." <sup>4</sup>And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup>And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup>He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." <sup>7</sup>When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, <sup>8</sup>and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

<sup>9</sup>The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. <sup>10</sup>And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance <sup>11</sup>and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. <sup>12</sup>In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup>And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>14</sup>But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." <sup>15</sup>And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." <sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

<sup>23</sup>So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. <sup>24</sup>And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup>When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. <sup>26</sup>But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." <sup>27</sup>And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. <sup>28</sup>And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. <sup>29</sup>So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

## 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 Six-cents-a-meal offering**, will be collected today and goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to this offering please note on memo line: hunger offering. Thank you.

**Weekly Bible Study** has resumed on Wednesday's at noon. We will begin studying the book of Joshua. Bible Study meets by Zoom and all are welcome. Contact Pastor John or the church office for the Zoom information.

**Worship Help Needed.** We need help running the technology used in worship each week. We are seeking two or three people to help run the PowerPoint slides and the camera for our live broadcast. These are fairly simple tasks, and we provide training. Please speak with Pastor John or Roger Snook if you can help.

**Free Books.** A small group has been working to re-organize the church library. It was decided that some of the books should be repurposed, so they will be displayed in the hall outside the library through this Sunday. Please feel free to take any books from the table you (or a member of your family) might use. Many of them are for young adult fiction readers but adults may enjoy those also. Any books remaining on the 25th will be taken away for another useful purpose.

**Meals-on-Wheels** is in need of volunteers to help Monday—Friday for packing meals (8am-10am) and delivering meals (10am—Noon). We have five areas in Jefferson County that we deliver to and need drivers for all of them. Please call (304-725-1601) or stop by the kitchen of the Charles Town Presbyterian Church. We are open 8am-1pm. **Meals-on-Wheels Soup, Sandwich and Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 7th, 9am—2pm. New soup this year is Chicken Corn Chowder!

**Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner.** Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, October 28th, 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.

**CTPC trunk-or-treat!** The event will take place on Sunday, October 29th, from 3PM to 5PM. Please contact [garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org](mailto:garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org) if you would like to display a trunk, and we look forward to seeing your spooky (but not too spooky) costumes there!

**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](mailto:doyle.criswell@att.net).

**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.

**Online giving** helps you to bring your offering before God in a simple, and secure way. You can choose from The Presbyterian Foundation, Facebook, or PayPal, each of which have a nominal fee that you can include as part of your gift. 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) (<http://www.ctpres.org>).

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Chris and Margaret Damm.

**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 -65; Nursery-0; Virtual Views-N/A.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering—\$2,903; On-Line Giving—\$425; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$25; Loose—\$133; Hunger—\$15; Help Fund—\$70.

**Ushers for September:** Kaz Feldstein (head), Brooks Kursey (counter)

**Ushers for October:** Debbie Henshaw (head), Sue Flanagan (counter)

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

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|-----------------|--|
| September 24th: | Officer Training 11:30am                         |
| October 1st:    | World Communion Sunday                           |
| October 7th:    | Meals-on-Wheels Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser       |
| October 8th:    | Blessing of the Animals at Zion Episcopal Church |
| 2:00pm          |  |
| October 28th:   | Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-7:00pm               |
| October 29th:   | Trunk or Treat 3-5:00pm                          |
| November 1st:   | Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm                     |

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