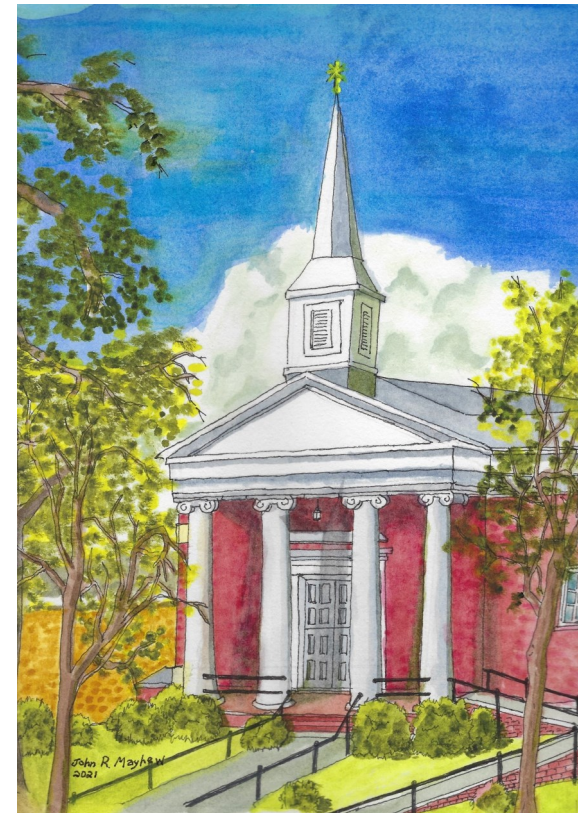


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

10:30 AM



\*Sung Response “Lift High the Cross” No. 826

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” No. 251

\*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*

*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.*

Prelude

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

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arr. Terry Osman

Rose Ann Glover and Penny Liston

Call to Worship

The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering yet we considered him punished by God, and afflicted.**

The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**For I know that my redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.**

Look! For the place where he lay is empty!

**He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

\*Hymn

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

No. 263

Geneva Ringers and Rose Ann Glover

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious and risen Lord, we are here to worship you and celebrate your resurrection. You tasted death so that we do not have to die. You took up our sins because without you, we are lost. We do not deserve such grace or love. But in your mercy and loving kindness, you forgive our sins and draw near to us. Help us to embrace your resurrection in faith and to receive your mercy with joy. Help us to live each day as messengers of your good news, that in Christ there is abundant life and eternal love. In your precious name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Sung Response to Confession *"In Christ Alone"* (see screen)

Children's Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music

*"Easter Bells"*

arr. Michael Ryan

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Geneva Ringers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn

*"Is He Worthy?"*

(see screen)

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Glory Singers and Congregation

Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

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Message

*"Naming the Resurrection"*

Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

*"The Power of the Cross"*

(© 2005 ThankYouMusic)

arr. Carol Tornquist

*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.*

**“Is He Worthy?”** (today’s congregational song)

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**

Do you feel the shadow deepen? **We do.**

But do you know that all the dark won’t stop  
the light from getting through? **We do.**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.** Is a new creation coming? **It is.**

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?**

**Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,**

**He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.**

**Is he worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?**

Is he worthy of this? **He is.**

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**

Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? **He does.**

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?**

**Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,**

**He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.**

**From ev’ry people and tribe, ev’ry nation and tongue,**

**He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.**

**Is he worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?**

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all this? He is.**

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## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### **Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

### **Thursday, April 4**

2:30pm FCHC

5:30pm Friendship Meal Ministry

### **Monday, April 1**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

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

7:30am A.A. Meeting

5:00pm Prayer Group

7:30pm A.A. Meeting

### **Friday, April 5**

7:30am A.A. Meeting

### **Saturday, April 6**

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 2**

6:30pm A.A. District Meeting

7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

### **Sunday, April 7**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)

10:30am Worship Celebration

2:30pm Youth Group

4:00pm Kids Group

### **Wednesday, April 3**

7:00pm CAV Meeting

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

## **Today’s Scripture Reading**

### **Mark 16:1-8**

**16** When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Notes:**

## 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.

**On a personal note** from Pastor John. Today is Easter Sunday, and my preference is to not gum up the morning with announcements and extraneous matters. The focus is on Jesus and his resurrection. Therefore, I am not addressing my upcoming leave, which begins on Monday. There are not enough words to thank the congregation for the love and support and the leave of absence you've given to allow me to focus on health concerns. I am getting away – visiting friends and family in Maine, Pennsylvania, and other places. Six weeks is short, but I know I will still miss you. I love you all and I am grateful for the grace and support you've given me. I can't wait to come back on May 13!

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be collected today. 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.

**Today is 5th Sunday**, the loose offering collected goes to the Pastor's Help Fund.

**Memorial or Honorarium Lilies.** If you purchased a lily, please remove from sanctuary following worship today.

**Celebrate Spring with us!!!** The Fellowship Team will host a Spring Fling Potluck on **Sunday, April 14th**, immediately following worship. Please bring a dish to share (main dish, side or dessert). Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please mark your calendar. Contact Lazan Rogers 304-886-5490 or church office with questions.

**Mark your calendars!** VBS will be Monday, July 15–Thursday, July 18, from 9:00am - 12:00 noon. The theme will be “SCUBA- diving into friendship with God”. Scuba will take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Any questions, please feel free to contact Garth Stevens-Jennings (304-725-5316 or garthstevens-jennings@ctpres.org) or Marsha Dibbern (304-728-2278 or marshadib@juno.com).

**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 Hoyle Fulbright, Matthew Henshaw, Brooks Kusey or Kathy Shue.

**Community Cup Coffee and More** is a new worshipping community started last year by Shenandoah Presbytery, and is located in a coffee shop on Burke Street in Martinsburg. This ministry hopes to reach people who may not be comfortable in traditional worship settings. Community Cup worship happens on Friday nights, and they are looking for volunteers to help set up, clean up, and assist in other ways. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Dwight McCormick at [preachercom-ic@gmail.com](mailto:preachercom-ic@gmail.com).

**Capital Campaign Update:** Dear Congregation Family, thank you for participating in our shared Sunday School Hour's facilities walkthrough which identified over 60 items that we could improve with your Capital Campaign contributions. There are a handful of items that don't cost us anything, and in 2024 you should look for some scheduled work days to help out in sharing your time to complete. For those wanting to make a difference sooner, you can contribute to the Capital Campaign now through your usual donation method or via the no-fee PayPal Giving Fund <https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3122728>.

**A nursery is available** for children ages 2-5. Please see an usher if you want more information.

**The Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee** is seeking an additional attendant for our nursery. This is a paid position to be filled on Sunday mornings from 10:00AM-12:00 noon. We are looking for a Christian individual, 18 years or older, who loves and respects children and is able to provide for their care during the time that parents or caregivers are worshipping. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position. [ctpres@ctpres.org](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org).

**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.

**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>).

**The flower chart for 2024** 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:** Spencer Howard, Kenneth Reim, John Burns, Liz Kusey, Brooke Smith, Anne Portrey, Samantha Rutherford.

**Anniversaries this week:** Russell and Debra Low.

**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 –89; Nursery—5; Virtual Views—55

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.

General Offering: \$2,320; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$55; Hunger—\$98; Help Fund—\$20.

**Ushers for March:** Brooks Kusey (head), Judy Edwards (counter)

**Ushers for April:** Debbie Henshaw (head), TBD (counter)

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

April 1st: OFFICE CLOSED

April 14th: Spring Fling After-Church Luncheon 11:30am

April 26th: Meals on Wheels Volunteer Luncheon 11:00am-3:00pm

May 27th: Office Closed—Memorial Day

June 8th: Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-7:00pm

July 1st: Life Line Screening 8:00am-5:00pm

July 4th: OFFICE CLOSED—4th of July

July 15th-18th: Vacation Bible School 9:00am-Noon

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

