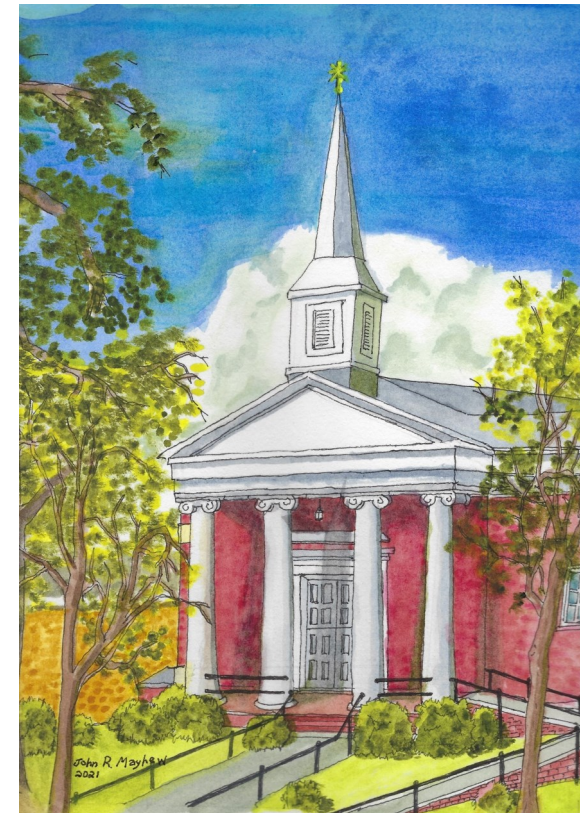


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

10:30 AM



\*Sung Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” No. 708 (vs. 1)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” No. 306

\*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 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      *"The Lord's My Shepherd"*      Brother James' Air  
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Call to Worship      Psalm 118:1-4  
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."  
**Let those who fear the Lord say,**  
**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

\*Hymn      *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*      No. 624

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**Beloved Jesus, Living God, you enter our hearts, even when we are filled with disbelief. You feel our sadness and hurt as we struggle to make sense of our world. You express your love for us by offering yourself, and we are amazed. You ease our doubt, and we are astonished. We give you thanks, saying, "My Lord, my God!" Amen.**

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

\*Sung Response to Confession  
*"Hear the Good News of Salvation"*      No. 441(vs. 1)

Children's Moment      Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn      *"Come, Great God of All the Ages"*      No. 309

Scripture      Matthew 27:24-26      p. 991

Message      *"We Cannot Wash Our Hands of This"*  
Garth Stevens-Jennings

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering      *"Song of Joy"*      Robert Hughes  
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*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.*

**Notes:**

**Today's Scripture Reading**  
**Matthew 27:24-26**

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

**The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, April 7**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
2:30-4:00pm Youth Group  
4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

**Monday, April 8**

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

**Tuesday, April 9**

12:00pm Basic Music  
1:00pm Silver Bells  
7:00pm Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday, April 10**

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

**Thursday, April 11**

2:30pm FCHC

**Friday, April 12**

7:30am A.A. Meeting

**Saturday, April 13**

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

**Sunday, April 14**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:30am Spring Fling After-Church Luncheon  
2:30-4:00pm Youth Group  
4:00-5:30pm 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.

**This morning** we welcome Garth Stevens-Jennings to the pulpit.

**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-Thursdays, 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).

**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 [preachercomic@gmail.com](mailto:preachercomic@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>.

**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).

**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>).

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

**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.

**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.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Birthdays this week:** Bethany Hollida, Peyton LaVallee, Diane Mayhew, Chloe Ruffner, Laura VanVuuren, Donna Burns, Jane Ishman.

**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.**

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

**Ushers for May:** Judy Edwards (head), Sue Flanagan (counter)

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

April 14th:	Spring Fling After-Church Luncheon 11:30am
April 26th:	Meals-on-Wheels Volunteer Luncheon 11-3pm
May 27th:	OFFICE CLOSED—Memorial Day
July 1st:	Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
July 4th:	OFFICE CLOSED—July 4th
July 15-July 18th:	Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon

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