

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

10:30 AM



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*Sung Response

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

*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

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

No. 754

*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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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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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Ah, Holy Jesus” arr. Jason Krug
(© 2024 Grassy Meadow Music.)
Geneva Limited Ringers

Call to Worship

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

*Song *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”* No. 645

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Providing God, in our journey of faithfulness, we graze in the pastures you lead us to each day. As we move along, our steps may seem aimless, yet you keep watch and never leave. When we are tired, you prepare for us a table. When we are thirsty, your cup of goodness and mercy overflows. When we are lost, you seek us out. And oh, how our hearts leap when you call to us, for we know your voice and feel your love. Dearest God, we are so grateful that your staff of righteousness leads us home. 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

Special Music

“My Song for Life” Pepper Choplin
(© 2018 Hal Leonard)
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This” No. 215

Scriptures

John 10:11-18 p. 1065
1 John 3:16-24 p. 1212

Message

“Lights, Camera, Action” David Weil

*Profession of Faith

“Apostles’ Creed” (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
(© 2018 Lorenz Publishing) arr. Anna Laura Page

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.

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.

“My Song for Life” (today’s special music)

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong.

They are weak, but He is strong.

When I was just a child, I was surrounded by the people who loved me.

And they taught me a song, and when I sang along I knew Jesus love me.

A simple song of faith, it taught me I could pray to the One who was strong.

This was my song for life.

But then as I grew, the song was crowded out by all kinds of music.

And I would drift away, and would forget the way the song once had moved me.

It still was in my soul. In times of trouble, the words whispered to me.

I listened and returned back to the truth I learned, back to where I belonged.

This is my song for life.

The years may change my voice, but still I’ll sing the song my teachers have taught me.

Though many years will pass, the simple words of truth will live deep within me.

I’m still a child at heart, I need to know Jesus loves me forever. I’ll sing it all my days.

I’ll sing it all my days ‘til Jesus shows the way to heaven,

I’ll sing forever for this is my song, this is my song for life.

Yes, Jesus love me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Ye, Jesus love me, the Bible tells me so.

This is my song for life.

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Today’s Scripture Readings

John 10:11-18

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 21

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

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

10:30am Prayer Group
12:00pm Basic Music
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting
7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, April 27

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, April 28

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
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 David Weil to the pulpit.

World Vision Global 6K for Water: The Mission and Outreach Committee is hosting the local walk for World Vision's "Global 6K for Water" at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 18, 2024, beginning and ending at the church parking lot. Six kilometers is the average distance many people in the developing world must walk to obtain clean water. Our team name is **Charles Town Water Walkers**. You can register at <https://global6K.worldvision.org>. Your \$50 registration fee (\$25 for ages 18 and under) provides water for one individual, FOR LIFE! Contact Peter (304-886-1116) or Signe Garms (304-350-0614) with any 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).

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.

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.

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.

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>).

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: Debbie Gregory, Judy Edwards.

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—62; Nursery—3; Virtual Views—74

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$1,435; On-Line Giving—\$3,118; Designated Offerings: Loose—\$195; Sunday School—\$48; Facility Use—\$25.

Ushers for April: Debbie Henshaw (head), Kaz Feldstein (counter)

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:

April 26th:	Meals-on-Wheels Volunteer Luncheon 11-3pm
May 18th:	World Vision Global 6K for Water 9:00am
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

For electronic giving, please scan here:

