

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.

Our sending is a recommitment to the mission of Charles Town Presbyterian

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Songs

(Usher will take up offering during this time)

“I Saw the Light” (see screen)

“Will the Circle be Broken” (see screen)

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder” (see screen)

“When We All Get to Heaven” (see screen)

*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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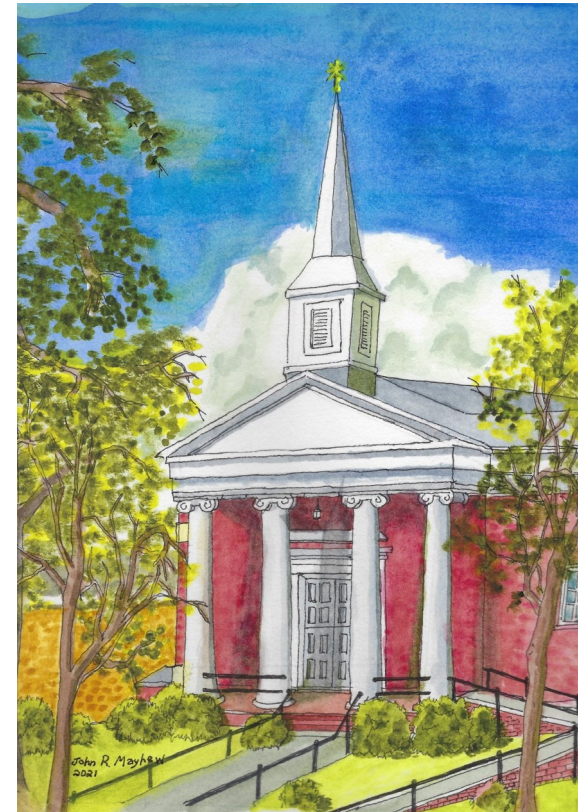
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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

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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.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 122:1-4

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**Our feet have been standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem!**

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

**To which the tribes go, up the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name
of the Lord.**

*Songs "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" No. 396

"Church in the Wildwood" (see screen)

"Give Me that Old Time Religion" (see screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Holy One, we thank you for your gift of guidance.
Jesus taught us the blessed lesson that to dwell with
you is not an obligation. It is a joy. We abide in you
by striving to live in love. May we be the bounty of
the fruit of the vine to feed your people with
righteousness and justice. May we bring to the world
the grace afforded unto us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession

"He Looked Beyond My Fault" (see screen)

Song "He's Got the Whole Wide World In His Hands"

(see screen—sing verse 3)

(congregation stays seated to sing as the children
come up for the Children's Moment)

Children's Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Songs "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" (see screen)

(vs. 1 & 2)

"Peace in the Valley" (see screen)

(vs. 1 & refrain)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 58:1-10

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Message "Sackcloth and Ashes"

Garth Stevens-Jennings

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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

Notes:

**Today's Scripture Reading
Isaiah 58:1-10**

⁵⁸ “Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.
² Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God.
³ ‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.
⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.
⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶ “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
¹⁰ if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

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

Monday, April 29

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am A.A. Meeting
7:30pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, April 30

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 5

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 Garth Stevens-Jennings to the pulpit.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Howard Miller, who died on April 16th. May God bless those who grieve.

You are invited to participate in a **BOUNDARY TRAINING. Presenter: Associate General Presbyter: Nancy Meehan Yao.** Where: Falling Waters Presbyterian Church 2928 Hammonds Mill Road Hedgesville, WV 25427, 304-754-8211, Email: fwpcusa@gmail.com, When: SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024, Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Refreshments will be served at the beginning and during the 15-minute interlude. **Please RSVP by Thursday, May 9, 2024.**

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 13th. Graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, June 2nd.

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 worshiping 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 preachercomie@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 worshiping. 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.

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

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: John Mayhew, Keating Amos, Dennis Dibbern, Marty Hunt, Ashley Pugh, Lena Camilletti, Connie Casserly.

Anniversaries this week: John & Rebecca Karos

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 –59; Nursery—5; Virtual Views—NA

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$2,135; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$42; Loose—\$103; Facility Use—\$110.

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

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:

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
August 11th:	Pastor John's 20th Anniversary Celebration

For electronic giving, please scan here:

