

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024
10:30 AM

*Sung Response

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” No. 610 (vs. 5)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

“Christ Be Beside Me”

No. 702

*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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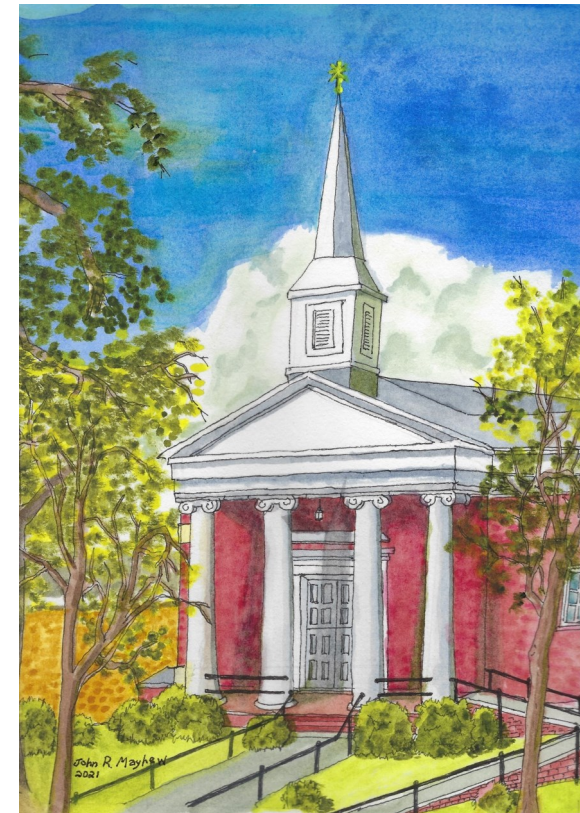
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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*
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Call to Worship Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
Who stand by night in the house of the Lord!
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!
**May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!**

*Songs *“Sing Praise to the Father”* (see screen)

“Ten Thousand Reasons” (see screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Spirit of the Living God, you tell us that we are your children, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Let us not take our inheritance for granted or hold too tightly to our understanding of who we are. For you are wild like the wind, loving whom you choose with reckless generosity. You call us to abandon fear and to receive a new family made up of all people and all creation. Teach us to love as you love, wild and free, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon...

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

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.

*Sung Response to Confession *“Glory Be to the Father”* No. 581

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music *“How Will They Know?”* Natalie Sleeth
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Glory Singers

Sacrament of Baptism Brooks Andrew Robison (see insert)
Child of Micaiah Noland and Matthew Robison

*Profession of Faith *“Apostles Creed”* (see screen)

*Baptism Hymn *“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”* (see screen)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Sung Prayer of Illumination *“Listen to the Word”* No. 455

Scripture Acts 19:11-20 p. 1103

Message *“A Big Win”* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *“Holy Spirit, Breath of Heaven”*
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The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

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.

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 in person for their monthly stated meeting on Tuesday, May 21 and took the following actions:

- Received as presented the minutes from the March stated meeting of session.
- Wrote thank you notes to individuals who have taken on some important projects in the life of the congregation.
- Pastor John asked each committee to bring him up to date on what's been happening in the life of the church now that he has returned to the office. The bulk of the meeting was spent informally discussing each of the committee's work. The session did a fabulous job leading the congregation in the pastor's absence. There were no session action items from committees.
- Heard reports from the most recent presbytery meeting and the congregational nominating committee.
- Pastor John reviewed how he spent his leave, and what he has done to better manage his health issues. He also shared ways in which the session can continue to support him since no one wants to have to do this again.
- Elders were scheduled for homebound communion on June 2.
- Approved a baptism for Sunday, May 26.
- Four elders recently attended boundary training, a requirement for all active ruling and teaching elders at least every 36 months. Boundary training allows participants to consider ways in which to make our ministries and facilities the safest they can be for all people.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 29

7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 30

2:30pm FCHC

Friday, May 31

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, June 1

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

Sunday, June 2

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

Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 19:11-20

¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" ¹⁶ And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ¹⁸ Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. ¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

"How Will They Know?" (today's special music)

How will they know, the ones for whom we care,
That God is love and with us ev'rywhere,
That life is good with blessings all can share?
How will they know unless we teach them so?
How will they learn that though they go astray,
God will forgive and help them find thy way?
How will they feel the Spirit day by day?
How will they know unless we teach them so?
Who will they grow in wisdom and delight?
How will they choose to follow what is right?
How can they trust the future will be bright?
How will they know unless we show them?
How will they live when they at last are grown?
What will they give to children of their own?
Will they reflect the values we have shown?
How will they know, as on through life they go?
How will they know unless we strive to teach them so?

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 during worship service, the session is presenting Brooks Andrew Robison, child of Micaiah Noland and Matthew Robison, to the congregation for baptism. We welcome Brooks' family members and friends.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected today to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, June 8th, 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.

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>.

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.

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.

A nursery is available for children ages 2-5. Please see an usher if you want 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/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>).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Jamie Hardy.

Anniversaries this week: Michael & Debbie Gregory, Mark & Mary Day, Michael & Heather Duncan.

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—81; Nursery—1; Virtual Views—184

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$2,430; Designated Offerings: Loose—\$116; Sunday School—\$44; Help Fund—\$300; Pentecost—\$515; Facility Use—\$1,324.

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

Ushers for June: TBD (head), Kaz Feldstein (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

May 27th:	OFFICE CLOSED—Memorial Day
June 8th:	Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-7:00pm
June 19th:	OFFICE CLOSED—Juneteenth
June 29th:	Beeson—Fellowship Hall 11-5pm
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

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