

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024
10:30 AM

*Sung Response “We Lift Our Voices” No. 710

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “O Jesus, I Have Promised” No. 724

*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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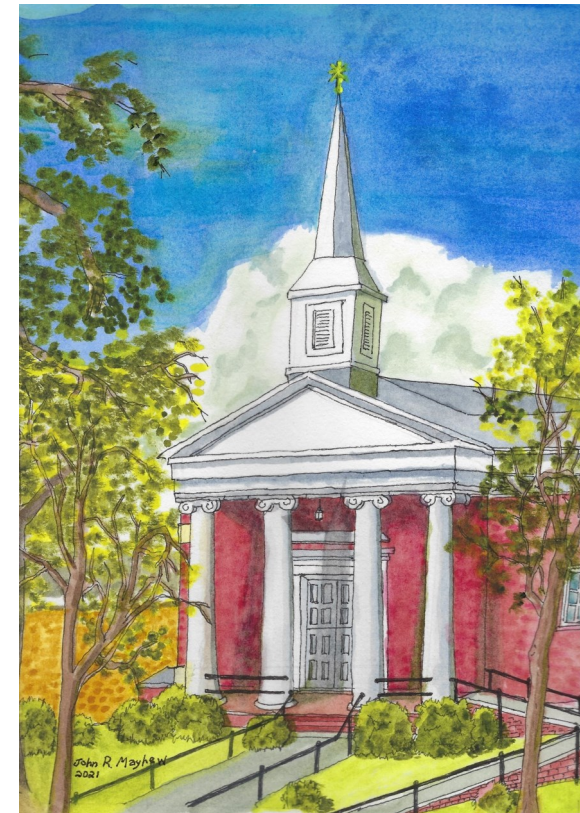
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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.

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

Prelude *"Holy, Holy, Holy/Fairest Lord Jesus"*
Pat Dick arr. Suzanne Brantley

Call to Worship Psalm 149:1-4

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.**

*Songs *"Sing a New Song unto the Lord"* No. 276

"Sing unto the Lord" LUYH No. 53

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Emanuel, God with us, you desire for us to abide in you as you abide in us. But we are restless and turn back from following you because the way of the cross is more difficult than we expected. May we proclaim with Peter, "You have the words of eternal life," and with the psalmist, "A day in your house is better than a thousand elsewhere." Help us to be satisfied with all you graciously give us. This we pray through the one who is our Savior and friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession *"We Are Forgiven"* No. 447

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music

"The Lord Is My Shepherd/Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us"

Pat Dick arr. Suzanne Brantley

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song *"The Family Prayer Song"* (see insert)

Scripture Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 p. 234

Message *"The Best Intentions"* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *"We Fall Down"* Chris Tomlin
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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
Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

24 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

¹⁴ "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 29

2:30pm FCHC

Friday, August 30

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, August 31

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, September 1

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.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond Frazier and honor of Ceil Frazier by their family.

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

OFFICE CLOSED will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, for Labor Day. Have a safe holiday.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, September 8th, for Christian Education Sunday. We will recognize, and pray for our Sunday School teaching staff as well as nursery attendant and SS superintendent.

Visiting Missionary. On Monday, September 16, the mission and outreach committee will host a missionary from the denomination's Peacemaking ministry. The Peacemaking ministry works globally, and this promises to be a very educational and interesting program. Come hear what God is doing in other parts of the world! All are welcome, and the program begins at 7pm.

Wednesday Bible Study will resume on September 18th, at noon. Bible study meets by Zoom and we'll begin studying the minor prophets. If you need Zoom login info, contact Pastor John.

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, September 28, 4:30-6:30pm, 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.

New members wanted! The Geneva Ringers currently have several positions open for the Fall/Winter season. Contact Penny LaRue (penvfarm@aol.com) for more information.

Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table! The central Sacrament of our faith is Holy Communion. Preparation for this holy experience requires the hands and hearts of those willing to serve at the Lord's Table by preparing it for celebration of the Sacrament. We need your help! If you feel called to Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table please contact Lazan Rogers or any member of the Worship Team or the church office.

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 worshiping. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position. ctpres@ctpres.org.

The CTPC Hospitality Center has created this wish list to assist in maintenance and growth. All donations greatly appreciated!



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/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>).

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: Emily Rutherford, Lauren Fowler, Debbie Henshaw.

Anniversaries this week: Peter & Signe Garms, Ron & Stephanie Rossi, Tim & Connie Casserly, Thane & Laura Van Zomeren.

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 -67; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-389

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$1,550; Designated Offerings: Sunday School-\$23; Loose-\$71; Help Fund-\$40.

Ushers for August: Debbie Henshaw (head), Doug McDonough (counter)

Ushers for September: Bob Tansill (head), Judy Edwards (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

September 2nd: OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day
September 8th: Christian Education Sunday
September 15th: Stewardship Sunday
September 16th: Visiting Missionary 7pm
September 28th: Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-6:30pm



For electronic giving, please scan here: