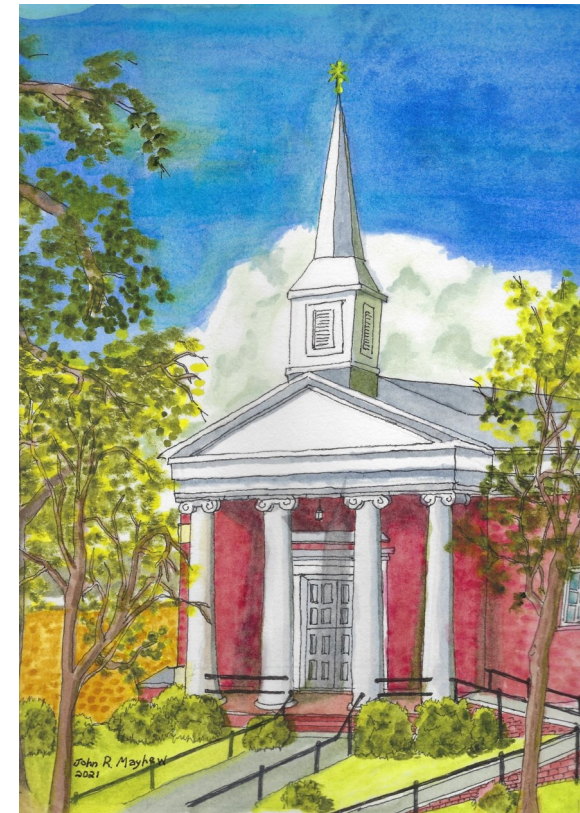


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

10:30 AM



\*Sung Response “For the Life That You Have Given” No. 717

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Song “Will You Come and Follow Me” No. 726

\*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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Class of 2024  
Class of 2025  
Class of 2026



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*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “How Great Thou Art w/How Great Is Our God”  
arr. Victor Labenske  
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Call to Worship Psalm 8:1-3, 9  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouth of babies and infants you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\*Songs “O Lord, Our Lord” No. 613

“O Lord My God” No. 625 (vs. 1)

“Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty” LUYH No. 22  
(refrain only)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Heavenly Father, we are so grateful that you continue to work in us and set us apart for your glory. You give us your Word, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts in your church to teach and lead us. Forgive us for ignoring our own spiritual growth in favor of the noise of this world. Help us to continue to grow in our faith and love for you.**

**Amen.**

Silent Confession

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 & refrain)

Ministry Moment Christian Education Rebecca Karos

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music “Tell Me the Story” arr. Joel Raney  
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Glory Singers w/ Violet Eilers, Cora Clark & George Karos

Prayer for Sunday School Teachers

\*Song “Lord, When I Came into This Life” No. 691

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Galatians 1:11-24 p. 1154

Message “Testimony & Calling” Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering “Blessed Be Your Name”  
(© 2002 ThankYouMusic) arr. Victor Labenske

*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.*

*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.*

**“Tell Me the Story”** today’s special music  
 Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;  
 tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.  
 Tell how the angels in chorus sang as they welcomed his birth,  
 “Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth.”  
 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
 of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
 I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true;  
 Satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
 I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,  
 To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.  
 Jesus loves me, this I know, for the bible tells me so.  
 Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.  
 Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word.  
 Tell me the story of Jesus.  
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**Today’s Scripture Reading**  
**Galatians 1:11-24**

<sup>11</sup> For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. <sup>12</sup> For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

<sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup> (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) <sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup> They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.

**Notes:**

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

**Sunday, September 8—Christian Ed Sunday**  
 9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
 10:30am Worship Celebration  
 11:30am Congregational Meeting  
 2:30-4:00pm Youth Group  
 4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

**Monday, September 9**  
 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, September 10**  
 7:00pm Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday, September 11**  
 7:00pm CAV Meeting  
 7:00pm Glory Singers  
 8:00pm A.A. Meeting

**Thursday, September 12**  
 2:30pm FCHC

**Friday, September 13**  
 7:30am A.A. Meeting

**Saturday, September 14**  
 8:00pm A.A. Meeting

**Sunday, September 15—Stewardship Sunday**  
 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 is** Christian Education Sunday. We will recognize and pray for our Sunday School teaching staff as well as nursery attendant and SS superintendent. Pre-K: Angie LaVallee/Jordan McLane; Elementary: Marsha Dibbern/Sharon Criswell; Middle & High School: Garth Stevens-Jennings; Faithweavers: Margaret Kursey (facilitator); Yokefellows: James & Lari MacKenzie/Michael Thompson/John Bethard; Nursery Attendant: Jordan McLane; Sunday School Superintendent: Henry Christie.

**The session** has called for a congregational meeting today immediately following worship. At that meeting, the CNC will place into nomination the following people: Elder: Chris Clark (2025); Christian Pechuekonis, Kathy Shue, Roger Snook (2027); Deacon: Matthew Henshaw, Anne Portrey (2026); Gary Scott, Ruth Scott, Tommy Morgan (2027); Trustee: Marty Kable (2027); CNC: Allen Peacher, Rebecca Karos, Hoyle Fulbright (2027). Nominations will be taken from floor per the *Book of Order*.

**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.

**Activity Bags** for children attending Worship services are now available. Deacons will be offering them to any child attending. Children who are visiting may take the Activity Bag home with them. Children who are regular attenders will leave their bag in the Narthex to be used again the following Sunday.

**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.

**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](mailto:ctpres@ctpres.org).

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



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

**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>).

**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:** Tammy Connors, Ben Puster.

**Anniversaries this week:** Roger & Sandy Snook, Bryan & Angie LaVallee, Mike & Jane Ishman, Hartley & Jeralene Tetro.

**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—49; Nursery—5; Virtual Views—214

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$3,860; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$45; Loose—\$25; Help Fund—\$180; Hunger—\$35.

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

**Ushers for October:** Brooks Kursey (head), Debbie Henshaw (counter)

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

September 8th: Christian Education Sunday  
Congregational Meeting 11:30am  
September 15th: Stewardship Sunday  
September 16th: Visiting Missionary 7pm  
September 28th: Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-6:30pm

