

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

10:30 AM



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*Sung Response "God, We Honor You" No. 709

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Song "There Is Now a New Creation" No. 774

*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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Class of 2025
Class of 2026

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Class of 2026

When directed, please come to the front of the sanctuary. The servers will tear off a small piece of bread and serve you. Please dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and an elder will bring the elements to you. Please indicate to your server if you would like to receive gluten free bread

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

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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 A Meditation on *"It Is Well with My Soul"*
(© 2003 Pilot Point Music) Mary Ellen Kerricle

Call to Worship Psalm 16:5-8
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

*Songs *"You Oh Lord Are a Great God"* LUYH No. 17

"You Are My God" (see screen)

(Text and Music: Geoff Bullock and Gail Dunshea/Text and tune © 1992 Maranatha! Music, admin. Word Music/Arr. © 1997 Maranatha! Music, admin. Word Music)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, we are grateful for your amazing love for us. Yet all too often we try and justify ourselves before you, forgetting that it is only your grace that saves. Forgive our arrogance and our unwillingness to simply come at your invitation. Help us to understand all you have done for us in 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

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 729 (vs. 4)

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music *"God Is Calling Us"* Natalie Sleeth
(© 2008 Lorenz Publishing)
Glory Singers and Alleluia Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song *"When Peace Like a River"* No. 840

Scripture Galatians 2:11-21 p. 1155

Message *"Faith, Grace, and Works"* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *"I Lift My Eyes Up"* arr. Carol Tornquist
(© 1990 Vineyard Songs)

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.

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.

Session News

The session met in person for their regularly scheduled stated meeting on Tuesday, September 17 and in addition to the usual perfunctory tasks, took the following actions:

- Discussed a memo of concern from the trustees which led to a discussion of the financial report, which included a first read of the 2025 budget. Overall, there is great concern that the costs of our expenses will be so much greater than our income that we will be forced to deplete our investment holdings in a matter of years just to keep operating at the current level. Part of the issue has been the surprising number of unplanned repairs, none of which have been insignificant in cost. On the heels of Stewardship Sunday and the launch of the capital campaign, the session encourages everyone to review their giving carefully and prayerfully with the hope that we can all increase, even if just a little.
- The mission and outreach committee and the discipleship and family ministry committee shared upcoming events. The rest of the committees had written reports.
- Heard a report from the September 14 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- Heard an update from the capital campaign. The additional pledges are significant (\$37K so far), but the number of pledges is quite low. Please turn in your pledges to the church office as soon as possible.
- The pastor updated the session on Garth Stevens-Jennings upcoming parental leave. Garth will be off eight weeks. Two of those weeks will be vacation and six are FMLA leave. During the six weeks of FMLA, Garth plans to be here on Sundays.
- Authorized the baptism of Asher Grayson Touvell, infant son of Madison Henshaw.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 22

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

Monday, September 23

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, September 24

7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 25

12:00pm Bible Study—Zoom
7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:00pm Glory Singers
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, September 28

4:30-6:30pm Yokefellows BBQ Dinner
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, September 29

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 Galatians 2:11-21

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

“God Is Calling Us” today's special music

If the song's to be sung, we must sing it!

If the love's to be shared, we must bring it!

For God is calling us now, indeed, to go where there is need!

If the Word's to be heard, we must speak it!

If the peace is to come, we must seek it!

For God is calling us now, indeed, to go where there is need!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's dying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba hay, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

If the song's to be sung, we must sing it!

If the loves to be shared, we must bring it!

For God is calling us one by one until the work is done!

If the Word's to be heard, we must speak it! I

f the peace is to come, we must seek it!

For God is calling us one by one, until the work is done!

For God is calling us, ev'ry one until the work is done!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

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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.

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

5th Sunday is September 29th, the loose offering collected will go to the Jefferson County Community Ministries.

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us next 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.

You're invited. Asbury UMC presents Jean Lin piano recital on Sunday, September 29th, at 3pm. Featuring works by Ludwig Van Beethoven. Love offering to benefit JCCM.

Officer Training. Pastor John will be leading officer training following worship on October 13, and October 20, in the parlor.

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.

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



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.

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

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: David Weil, Lucas Kropf, Ray Jamison, Margaret Damm, Wesley Clark, Susan Wall.

Anniversaries this week: Gary & Ruth Scott, Chris & Margaret Damm.

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-4; Virtual Views-N/A

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$3,280; On-Line Donations-\$2,327; Designated Offerings: Sunday School-72 Loose-\$60; Help Fund-\$140.

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

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:

September 28th:	Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-6:30pm
October 5th:	Meals-on-Wheels Soup & Sandwich fundraiser 8-1pm
October 13th & 20th:	Officer Training 11:30am
October 19th:	Aglow-parlor 9-Noon
November 6th:	Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
November 28th:	OFFICE CLOSED-Happy Thanksgiving
November 29th:	OFFICE CLOSED
December 7th:	Charles Town Christmas Parade
December 15th:	Christmas Joy Service 3:00pm

For electronic giving, please scan here:

