

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

10:30 AM



*Sung Response “God, We Honor You” No. 709

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “Standing on the Promises” No. 838

*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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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 "Standing on the Promises" arr. Joel Raney
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Call to Worship Psalm 18:1, 2, 49, 50

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name.

Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

*Songs "I Will Call upon the Lord" LUYH No. 7

"As the Deer" No. 626

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you call us to a life of faith, but too often we focus on what we attempt to do for you. Remind us, Lord, that all have sinned and fall short of your standard. We are in constant need of grace. Help us to focus on your grace and to live each moment for you. Thank you, Lord, for your matchless grace and unending mercies. 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)

Ministry Moment Sock It To Me Mission & Outreach

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music "As the Deer" Martin Nystrom

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Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "The God of Abraham Praise" No. 49

Scripture Galatians 3:1-9, 15-18 p. 1155

Message "The Promise of Promises" Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"
(© 1994 Curious!Music) arr. Carol Tornquist

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.

“As the Deer” today’s special music

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.
For you alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; you alone, you alone.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

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Today’s Scripture Reading
Galatians 3:1-9, 15-18

3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. **2** Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **4** Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? **5** Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— **6** just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. **8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” **9** So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. **16** Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. **17** This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. **18** For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

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

Monday, September 30

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

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
2:00pm Percussion
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting
7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 6

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Geneva Ringers
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 5th Sunday loose offering collected will go to the Jefferson County Community 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.

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.

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>).

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!



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: Thane Van Zomeren, Violet Eilers, Tim Casserly, Sharon Criswell, Brooklyn Farmer, Hoyle Fulbright, Michelle Hart, Jackson Smith.

Anniversaries this week: Jonathan & Vicki Burns.

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 –70; Nursery–4; Virtual Views–317

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$1,411; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$48; Hunger—\$117.

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

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:

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

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