

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

10:30 AM



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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

*Sung Response “Bread of Life” No. 497 (refrain)

*Song “Lord, Make Us More Holy” No. 313

*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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Judy Edwards, Sue Flanagan, Debbie Henshaw, Brooks Kursey
Matthew Henshaw, Anne Portrey, Bob Tansill
Tommy Morgan, Gary Scott, Ruth Scott

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Steve Bossung, Thane Van Zomeren
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Please hold the bread and the cup and partake when directed, when all have been served. Gluten free bread is in the center of the tray.

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

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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

"Joyful"
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Robert J. Hughes

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-4

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

**Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
**For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

*Song

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified" No. 641

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You shine with perfect beauty, but we turn away from your presence. You blaze with heavenly glory, but we hide our faces from you. Forgive us, God of grace. Shine in our hearts this day through the light of your Word so that we may glorify you forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Sung Response to Confession

"Glory Be to the Father" No. 581

Children's Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song

"Your Only Son" No. 518

Scripture

1 Peter 1:13-15 p. 1203

Message

"Living the Christian Life: Disciplines 1"
Pastor John

*Profession of Faith

"Apostles' Creed" (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Aria"
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Ester Higgins

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

Prayer in worship connects us to God and to one another.

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.

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
1 Peter 1:13-25

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am A.A. Meeting
5:00pm Prayer Group
7:00 pm Stewardship & Vision Meeting
7:30pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, March 4

8:00-5:00pm Life Line Screening
12:-00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
2:00pm Percussion
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting
7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 8

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, March 9

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am After-Church Pot-Luck Luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Debra Low who died on February 22nd. May God bless those who grieve.

Let's Fellowship! The Fellowship Team will host a Soup/Sandwich/Salad potluck next Sunday, March 9th, immediately following worship. Please bring a dish to share (soup, sandwiches or salad). The Fellowship Team will provide drinks and desserts. Please mark your calendar. Contact Lazan Rogers 304-886-5490 or church office with questions.

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.

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

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>).

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



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Joshua Amos.

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–3; Virtual Views–431.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering –\$2,246; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$31; Hunger—\$158; Restore God's House—\$300.

Ushers for March: Brooks Kursey (head), Anne Portrey (counter)

Ushers for April: Judy Edwards (head), TBD

CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 4th	Life Line Screening 8am-5pm
March 9th	After-Church Pot-Luck Luncheon
March 16th	New Members Class 11:30am, following worship
March 23rd	Welcome New Members during worship
April 13th	Palm Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt following worship
April 17th	Maundy Thursday service 7:00pm
April 20th	Resurrection Sunday Community Sunrise Service at Jefferson Memorial Park 6:30am
April 21st	OFFICE CLOSED
May 26th	OFFICE CLOSED-Memorial Day

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