

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025  
10:30 AM

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Song “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” No. 65

\*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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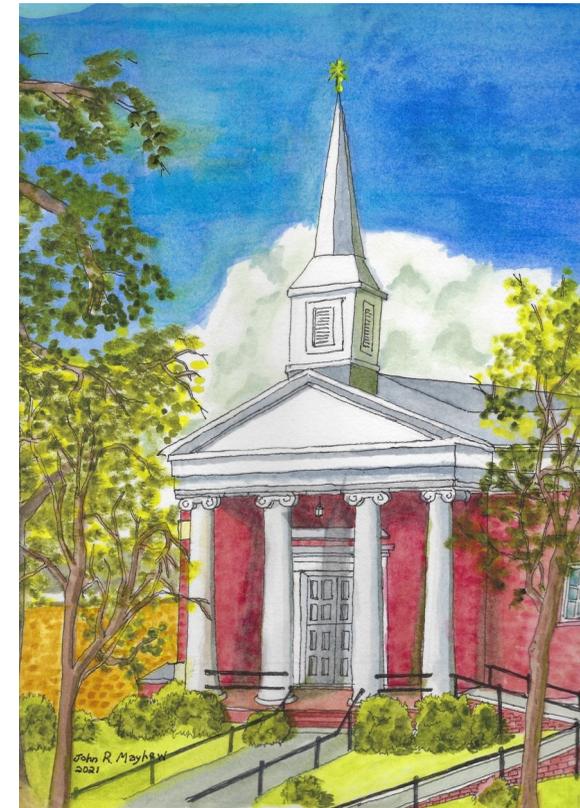
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*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

*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 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (Scherzo)"  
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Call to Worship Psalm 34:8-11

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**Blessed is the name who takes refuge in him!**  
Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him have no lack!**  
The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
**but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**  
Come, O children and listen to me;  
**I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

\*Songs "Shout to the Lord" (see screen)  
"God Is So Good" LUYH No. 24

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You make us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; 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

Special Music "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"  
(© 2017 by Hal Leonard) arr. Heather Sorenson  
Glory Singers

Reception of New Members

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Song "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" No. 438

Scripture 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 p. 1137

Message "Living the Christian Life-Sin and Temptation"  
Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"  
(© 2005 The FJH Music Company) arr. Cindy Berry

*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.*

## Session News

The session met in person for their stated meeting on Tuesday, March 18. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- ◇ Completed boundary training per the *Book of Order* requirements
- ◇ The clerk reported an error in the January stated meeting minutes. The minutes omitted the approval of the celebration of the Lord's Supper for the year. That omission will be noted and the dates included in the March minutes.
- ◇ The finance committee reported the bookkeeper search is going well and they hope to have the search wrapped up in short order
- ◇ The property committee gave an update on campaign and property concerns. Bids have been secured to refurbish the upstairs bathrooms by the sanctuary. The campaign committee is still considering ways to secure other bids with which to compare. Few contractors want "small" projects in an historic building, so it has been a challenge. The property committee also reported that one of the sanctuary AC units needs replacement.
- ◇ Heard a report from the February presbytery meeting
- ◇ Elected Marsha Dibbern to serve as presbytery commissioner in May.

## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### Sunday, March 23

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 24

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, March 25

12:00pm Basic Music  
1:00pm Silver Bells  
7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

### Wednesday, March 26

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

### Thursday, March 27

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

### Friday, March 28

7:30am A.A. Meeting

### Saturday, March 29

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### Sunday, March 30

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:30am Information Meeting  
11:30am Geneva Ringers  
2:30-4:00pm Youth Group  
4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

## Today's Scripture Reading

### 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**10** For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

### "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (today's special music)

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
He will save you, He will save you by His pow'r. He will save you by His pow'r.

O will arise and go to Jesus, He'll embrace me in His arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Then thousand charms.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, come to Him and reconcile.

Leave your burdens with the Savior, rest with Him a little while.

Come and know the Father's mercy, come and be restored.

Casting ev'ry care upon Him, leave it with the Lord!

Let your shame not make you linger, nor of goodness dream.

All the good that He requires wis your faith in Him!

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, come to Him and reconcile!

Oh, come. Lay down your burden and heavy load and rest a little while!

Rest a little while!

O come! Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and mangled by the fall.

If you tarry, you will never come at all.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy! Come and reconcile!

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## 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.

**This morning** we welcome new members: EmRoy Gehlsen, Laurel Odell, Bob and Janis Schindell.

**Informational Presentation** David Weil, a member of our congregation and current (?) federal employee, is presenting an informal presentation following worship on Sunday, March 30. David will explain what the terms, "waste, fraud, and abuse" mean with respect to federal spending and how those issues are typically handled. This is not going to be any kind of political debate, it is simply information to help us clarify and understand words that are used frequently in the news. If there are any questions, please contact Pastor John or David Weil.

**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:** Get ready for this year's Easter Egg hunt, happening after worship on April 13th, rain or shine. Bring your family and try to find the most eggs, all of which will be filled with candy! We hope to see you there. Any questions see Marsha Dibbern or Garth Stevens-Jennings.

**Maundy Thursday service.** Please join us Thursday, April 17th, at 7:00pm, for our Maundy Thursday service. The offering will go the One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Good Friday service.** Please join us Friday, April 18th, at 7:00pm, for our Good Friday service. The offering will go to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

**Community Sunrise Service** to be held on Sunday, April 20th, at 6:30am, at Jefferson Memorial Park.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be collected on Resurrection Sunday, April 20th. The OGHs offering is used to assist people in suffering and in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People program.

**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.

**It's coming up fast!** The annual **World Vision 6K Walk for Water** will occur on May 17! This year with the cutting of USAID funds, we feel it's even more important to support this cause for clean water. Doyle Criswell will be heading up this program, as CTPC participates in it for the fourth year. If you feel that you can not walk, would you please consider supporting one of the individuals who have signed up or at least the team? Please go to <https://global6k.worldvision.org/>

1) Click on the "Sign up for 2025" to join the team and enter Charles Town Water Walkers for the team OR  
2) Click on the "Donate" button and find Charles Town Water Walkers to donate  
3) If you sign up, please consider contacting your friends/family and asking if they would support you. Just follow the same instructions as #2 and once you have signed up, they should be able to find your name in the dropdown menu..

Lastly walkers, don't forget to express your appreciation to your sponsors. It means so very much for them to hear the progress report. If they didn't care, they wouldn't have supported you!

**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.

**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 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).

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



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Birthdays this week:** Bethany Holida, Peyton LaVallee, Diane Mayhew, Chole Ruffner, Laura Van Vuuren, Donna 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 -64; Nursery-5; Virtual Views-N/A.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.  
General Offering - \$2,870; Designated Offering-Sunday School-\$21; Loose-\$127; Memorial-\$50; Fellowship Fundraiser-\$100.

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

**Ushers for April:** Judy Edwards (head), Gary Scott (counter), Bob Tansill

### **CTPC Upcoming Events:**

March 23rd	Welcome New Members during worship
March 30th	Informational Meeting following worship
April 13th	Palm Sunday-Easter Egg Hunt following worship
April 17th	Maundy Thursday service 7:00pm
April 18th	Good Friday 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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