

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

10:30 AM



*Sung Response “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” No. 363 (vs. 1)

*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

*Song “Open My Eyes, That I May See” No. 451

*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
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Steve Bossung, Thane Van Zomeren
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Class of 2027

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 "Song of Joy" arr. Joseph M. Martin
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Alleluia Singers

Call to Worship Psalm 34:19-22
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

*Song "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" No. 816

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love; 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
"There Is a Redeemer" No. 443 (vs. 1)

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music "Living Hope" Joseph M. Martin
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Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" No. 353

Scripture Romans 5:1-5 p. 1119

Message "Living the Christian Life: Crossing the Wilderness"
Pastor John

*Profession of Faith "Apostles' Creed" (screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Lento" Cesar Franck
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Rose Ann Glover

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.

“Living Hope” (today’s special music)

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven, and spoke Your name into the night.

Then, through the darkness, Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken; I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.

Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope. Hallelujah!

Praise the One who set me free. Death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken ev’ry chain, there’s salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared the gave has no claim on me.

Jesus, Yours is the victory! Hallelujah!

Praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken ev’ry chain, there’s salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope hallelujah! Jesus Christ, my living hope.

My living hope!

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Today’s Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-5

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 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

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

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

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

7:30am A.A. Meeting
6-8:00pm All Ages Game Night

Saturday, April 12

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, April 13-Palm Sunday

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am EasterEgg Hunt following worship

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.

All Ages Game Night. DFM is hosting a game night on Friday April 11, 2025 from 6:00- 8:00pm. Pizza will be served for a quick dinner. There will be a combination of board games for young and old, Corn Hole for all, and Garth will have some games from his laptop projected for anyone to play together. We encourage everyone to bring friends and gather. If you have a game that you find enjoyable, please bring that, too. Put April 11th on your calendar for some intergenerational fun!

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: Get ready for this year's Easter Egg hunt, happening after worship next Sunday, 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. Pastor John will be preaching this year.

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.

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!

Mark your calendars! Yokefellows BBQ Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, May 24th, 4:30-6:30pm. Fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked beans with drink provided. See any Yokefellow for tickets. Adults-\$15, Children under 12 years-\$7; children 5 years and under-Free. Proceeds go to church ministries.

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.

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.

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>).

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!



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Anne Portrey, Samantha Rutherford, Jason Mullens, Carol Kable, Bob Tansill.

Anniversaries this week: Joe & Jamie Hardy, Steve & Shannon Bossung.

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—266.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering—\$2,730; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$32; Restore God's House—\$140; Facility Use—\$200; Help Fund—\$220; Music Programs—\$30.

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

Ushers for May: Ruth Scott (head), Gary Scott (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

April 11th	All Ages Game Night hosted by DFM 6-8:00pm
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
April 25th	Meals-on-Wheels Volunteer Luncheon 11-3:00pm
May 17th	World Vision 6K Walk for Water
May 24th	Yokefellows BBQ Fundraiser Dinner 4:30-6:30pm
May 26th	OFFICE CLOSED-Memorial Day



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