

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 Church.

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*Sung Response

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” No. 265 (vs. 5)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” No. 761

*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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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025
10:30 AM





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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.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon...
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession
“Just As I Am, without One Plea” No. 442 (vs. 1)

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music *“Giver of the Song”* Joseph M. Martin
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Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song “*Make Me a Servant*” (screen)

Scripture Leviticus 19:9-18 p. 115

Message “A Little Off the Edge” Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *"I Will Serve Thee"* Wm. & Gloria Gaither
(© 1969, 1983 by William J. Gaither)

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, May 13. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Approved as presented, minutes from the March 18, 2025 stated meeting and the April 7, called meeting.
- Reviewed finances for the church to date for the year. We are in decent shape. The capital campaign continues to receive funding, and projects are in the works.
- Doyle Criswell reminded the session of the upcoming Walk for Water this Saturday.
- Patsy White informed the session that Stewardship and Vision is planning stewardship Sunday, and that they are hoping to produce a printed church directory this year.
- The moderator reminded chairpersons to have their committees start working on operations manual revisions.
- Upon hearing a report from the nominating committee, called for a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, June 1.
- Approved two recommendations from the Financial Review Team. These two recommendations will move all the church banks accounts to interest-bearing accounts. A third recommendation was postponed so the session to digest the FRT’s report.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 18

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Music Workers reception
following worship in fellowship hall
2:30pm Youth Group
4:00pm Kids Group

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells

Wednesday, May 21

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

Thursday, May 22

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

Friday, May 23

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 25

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

Today’s Scripture Reading
Leviticus 19:9-18

9 “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

11 “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

13 “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

15 “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

17 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

“Giver of the Song” (today's special music)

Lord, in our worship, You are with us singing.
Lord, in our seeking, Your voice is clear and strong.
Heal us with Your music. Fill us with Your Spirit.
Teach us Your melody, O Giver of the Song.
Lord, in the stillness, we can feel Your presence,
Soft as a whisper and gentle as a dove.
Grace us as we worship. Raise us to new purpose.
Make us Your instruments, O Giver of the Song.
Alleluia! Soli Deo gloria!
Alleluia! Thine alone the glory!
Lord, in our living, lead us to our places.
Serving together, we find where we belong.
One alleluia! One voice of worship!
Make us Your symphony, O Giver of the song!
Our hearts in unity, singing in harmony, for all eternity!
We will praise You, Giver of the Song! Giver of the Song!

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.

NOTICE: Please excuse our appearance, we are remodeling. The restrooms near the sanctuary will undergo renovations. Please use the restrooms downstairs or near the choir room until further notice! Thank you.

In celebration of Music Worker Sunday, you are invited following worship to join us in celebrating our dedicated and devoted singers and ringers! A light reception in the fellowship hall will be held in their honor. Hosted by the Fellowship & Worship teams. Please join us.

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

Mother's/Father's Day Offering will be collected next Sunday, May 25th. Take this opportunity to pay tribute to your mother and father through the Synod-approved Mother's/Father's Day Offering to the Sunnyside Fellowship Fund. This source of income provides comfort to residents at our three communities by knowing they can live out their lives receiving quality care and loving support regardless of their financial situation. These are individuals that, because of medical advances and soaring healthcare costs, have outlived their financial resources. Precious individuals like those that provided parental love, guidance and nurture to us.

The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Attention Graduates: We would like to honor your achievements. If you have a graduate in your family or know of any graduates (high school or college) in our church family, please call (304-725-5316) or email (ctpres@ctpres.org) their name, high school or college, and future plans to the church office by tomorrow, May 19th. Graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, June 1st.

Yokefellows BBQ Fundraiser to be held next 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.

Pentecost Offering will be collected on Sunday, June 8th. Giving to this offering is investing in our greatest resource, our youth and our children. The Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of this offering stays in our local community and will be designated for Jefferson County Community Ministries. The other 60% will help support: [young adult volunteer](#) programs, [ministries for youth](#), & [child advocacy](#).

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School to be held Monday, July 7th—Thursday, July 10th, 9am—Noon. **True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.** This VBS is written as an Alaskan Adventure and will include Northern Lights, majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. **True North** focuses on Jesus as a guiding light, helping kids build a rock-solid foundation in their faith. Pass on these dates to your friends and relatives. Let us know if you would be willing to help. Contact Marsha Dibbern (304-671-9715 or marshadib@juno.com) or Garth Stevens-Jennings (garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org.)

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.

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

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 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.

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: J. P. Burns, John Fanjoy, Sara Fowler, Abby Duncan.

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—72; Nursery—4; Virtual Views—N/A

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering—\$2,235 Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$12; Loose—\$112; Restore God's House—\$300; World Vision Water Walk—\$100.

Ushers for May: Debbie Henshaw (head), Matthew Henshaw (counter), Sue Flanagan

Ushers for June: Brooks Kursey (head), Matthew Henshaw (counter), Gary Scott

CTPC Upcoming Events:

May 18th	Music Workers reception following worship in fellowship hall
May 24th	Yokefellows BBQ Fundraiser Dinner 4:30-6:30pm
May 26th	OFFICE CLOSED-Memorial Day
June 1st	Congregational Meeting following worship
June 19th	OFFICE CLOSED-Juneteenth
July 1st	Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
July 4th	OFFICE CLOSED -Fourth of July
July 7th-10th	Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon

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