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*Sung Response
“Give Thanks, O Christian People” No. 644 (vs. 3)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song
“Count Your Blessings” (see screen)

*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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The Session

Class of 2025
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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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Class of 2025
Class of 2026
Class of 2027

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Class of 2025
Class of 2026
Class of 2027

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 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.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude
“Antiphonal Praise w/We Have Met to Praise and Worship”
(© 1990 Birdwing Music) arr. Tom Fettke

Call to Worship Psalm 40:1-3
I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
**Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

*Song “Sing Praise to the Father” (screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived
for your glory. You claim us as your people, but we
seek out other saviors. You welcome us into your
house, but we bring conflict and division. Forgive
us, God of grace. Restore and rebuild us so that we
may be ready to live in the eternal home you
promise; 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
“Create In Me a Clean Heart” (screen)

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music “Blessings” Melody Bober
(© 2011 New Spring Publishing and Laura’s Story)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song “No, I Shall Envy Them No More” (see insert)
(WORDS: Issac Watts, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, Book 2, 1707-08, number 56. MUSIC: Lowell Mason, Downs, 1832)

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 p. 1140

Message “The Way of Love is not...Envious” Pastor John

Sung Sermon Response “Live in Charity” No. 205

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering “Count Your Blessings ” Edwin Excell
(© 2017 Lorenz Publishing Company)
Rose Ann Glover

*The congrega-
tion 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, June 17. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Approved the minutes from the stated session meeting of May 13 and the called congregational meeting of June 1.
- Discussed who in the congregation the elders should be encouraging.
- Heard reports from the Communicating with Technology, Finance, Property, and Stewardship and Vision committees.
- Reviewed the written report submitted by Elder Dibbern on the May meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- Reviewed the request of the financial review team for a full, professional audit in 2025. Because our bookkeeper is still getting acclimated and all the activity around the campaign and property expenses, the session agreed unanimously to take this question up in January and hope to schedule an audit in 2026.
- Discussed the city of Charles Town’s decision to establish a PODA (public outdoor designated area for alcohol consumption), and the church building and manse are within the PODA district. The session discussed some minor concerns but decided that nothing needs to be addressed unless and until there is a clear problem.
- Review the shelter use agreement with JCCM. Because we have had little to no problems with this arrangement, the session unanimously voted to extend the relationship through October with review at the September stated meeting.
- Appointed Kathy Shue to serve as elder commissioner for the August meeting of Presbytery.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 22		Thursday, June 26	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	2:30pm	FCHC
10:30am	Worship Celebration	5:30pm	Friendship Meal Ministry
2:30pm	Youth Group	Friday, June 27	
4:00pm	Kids Group	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
Monday, June 23		Saturday, June 28	
5:30-1:00pm	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	Sunday, June 29	
5:00pm	Prayer Group	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
7:00pm	Worship & Music Meeting	10:30am	Worship Celebration
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting	2:30pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, June 24		4:00pm	Kids Group
12:00pm	Basic Music	Wednesday, June 25	
1:00pm	Silver Bells	7:00pm	CAV Meeting
		8:00pm	A.A. Meeting

Today’s Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

“**Blessings**” (today's special music)
We pray for blessings, we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand
To ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?
We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love
As if every promise from Your word is not enough
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
And what if trials of this life
Are Your mercies in disguise?
When friends betray us
And when darkness seems to win, we know
The pain reminds this heart
That this is not, this is not our home
It's not our home
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst
This world can't satisfy?
And what if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise?

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.

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.

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

5th Sunday, is next Sunday, June 29th, the loose offering collected today will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

CTPC Directory 2025 has been provided by Stewardship & Vision. PDF copies were emailed to congregation last week. Hard copies are available in the narthex. If you did not receive one, please see an usher and they will provide you with a copy. Thank you.

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.)

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 any member of the Worship Team or the church office.

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/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 infant -5. Please see an usher for more information.

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



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Matthew Fowler, Sandra Littleton, Carley Duncan.

Anniversaries this week: Bud & Rose Ann Glover, Andy & Roxann Noland.

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—290.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering —\$7,310; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$35; Loose—\$189; Restore God's House—\$5,250; Mothers/Fathers Day—\$100.

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

Ushers for July: Gary Scott (head), Ruth Scott (counter), Anne Portrey

CTPC Upcoming Events:

July 1st	Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
July 4th	OFFICE CLOSED -Fourth of July
July 7th-10th	Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon

For electronic giving, please scan here:

