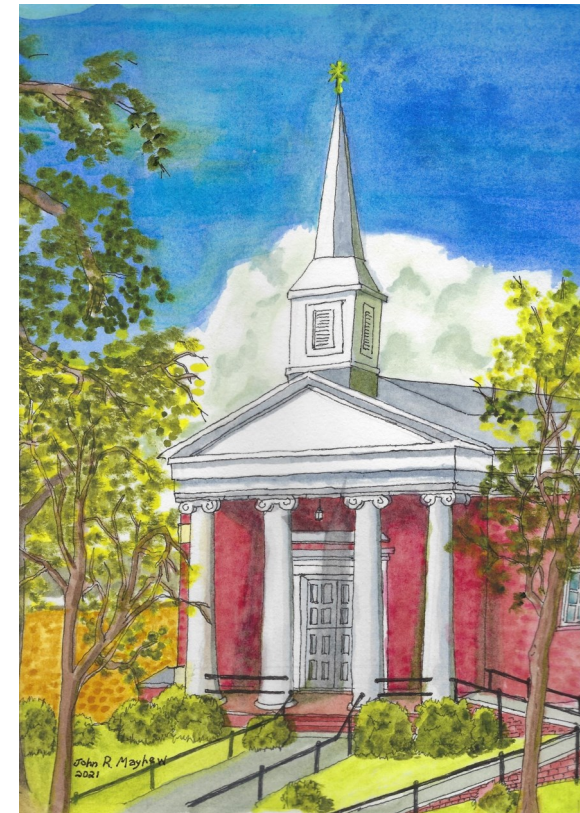


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025**

10:30 AM



Know. Grow. Serve.

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| *Sung Response | <i>"Doxology"</i> | (see screen) |
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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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| *Song | <i>“May the God of Hope Go with Us”</i> | No. 765<br>(sing twice) |
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\*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  
Church.***

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## The Session

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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.**

Musical Offering      *“I Know Whom I Have Believed”*  
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***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, August 19. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Carol Kable and Margaret Kursey appeared before the session at their request to update the elders on a project that has moved faster than anticipated and generated a great amount of energy. Carol reached out to several members of the congregation about refurbishing the Liberty Street rooms with the hope of renting them out. The project is expected to require about \$25K, and already the congregation has committed \$21K. There are interested parties in using the space as a day care center. By unanimous vote, the session approved moving ahead with project, which allows them to start contacting contractors and moving forward. JCCM is aware of our project and anticipates being in their new facility mid to late fall.
- The session unanimously approved a suggestion from the trustees to require session approval for expenditures over \$2500. With multiple projects and vendors, this process will put more eyes on the process.
- The minutes from the June meeting were received as presented.
- Pastor John used the remainder of the meeting to encourage some specific brainstorming about certain areas of ministry where some adaptation may be necessary to reach the community more effectively beyond the church. This process yielded some highly creative ideas, and the session left the meeting with a great deal of enthusiasm for engaging their committees in the same process.

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

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

“The Gift of Love” (today’s special music)  
Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.  
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv’n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.  
Come, spirit come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.  
O come, spirit, come, let inward love, let love guide ev’ry deed.  
By this we worship, we are freed. Amen, Amen.

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Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 24

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
9:45am Choir  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:30am Geneva Ringers

Monday, August 25

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, August 26

10:30am Prayer Group  
12:00pm Basic Music  
1:00pm Silver Bells

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Friday, August 29

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, August 30

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, August 31

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
9:45am Choir  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:30am Geneva Ringers

## **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.

**Thanks to** Henry Christie for assisting in worship this morning.

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

**5th Sunday**, is next Sunday, August 31st, and the loose offering collected will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

**The church office** will be closed on Monday, September 1st, for Labor Day. Have a safe holiday.

**Help Wanted**. We are currently seeking people to assist with worship as worship assistants. We used to call these "lay readers." Worship assistants will help lead worship on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays, covering the call to worship, prayer of confession and possibly other responsibilities, depending on the comfort level of the individual. If we can find six people to fill this role, it will be a quarterly commitment at most. Please contact Pastor John if you are interested. Training will be provided.

**A Season of Peace**, a summer concert that embraces Peace, Love and Hope, with secular and non-secular works by our ringers and singers will be held on Sunday, September 7th, at 2:00pm. Love offering to benefit Jefferson County Community Ministries. An ice cream social will follow concert. Please plan to join us!

**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/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>).

**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:** Emily Rutherford, Lauren Fowler, Debbie Henshaw.

**Anniversaries this week:** Peter & Signe Garms, Ron & Stephanie Rossi, Tim & Connie Casserly.

**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 -71; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-230.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering - \$2,030; Designated Offering-Sunday School-\$54; Loose-\$94; Restore God's House-\$15,140; Help Fund-\$30; Fellowship Fundraiser-\$200.

**Ushers for August:** Debbie Henshaw (head), Anne Portrey (counter), Ruth Scott

**Ushers for September:** Bob Tansill (head), Judy Edwards (counter), Brooks Koursey

## **CTPC Upcoming Events:**

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| September 1st  | OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day                 |
| September 7th  | A Season of Peace summer concert at 2pm |
| September 13th | Yokefellows BBQ fundraiser 4:30-6:30pm  |
| September 21st | Stewardship Sunday                      |



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