

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 *“For the Life That You Have Given”* No. 717

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song *“Joy In the Morning”* (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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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
10:30 AM



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

Call to Worship Psalm 63:1-4
O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
**So I have looked upon you in sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
**So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

*Song “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” No. 187

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed
your way. You call us to love and serve you, yet we
choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life
in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear.
Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and
Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve
you faithfully; 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
“Lord of All Hopefulness” No. 683 (vs. 1)

Children’s Moment Pastor John

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song “Spirit Song” LUYH No. 13

Scripture Galatians 5:19-26 p. 1158

Message “Bearing Fruit: Joy” Pastor John

*Profession of Faith “Apostles’ Creed” (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

*The congrega-
tion 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.*

Notes:

Today’s Scripture Reading
Galatians 5:19-26

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 7

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
2:00pm A Season of Hope Concert

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
6:00pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

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

Friday, September 12

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 14

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
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.

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 this afternoon at 2:00pm. Love offering to benefit Jefferson County Community Ministries. An ice cream social will follow concert. Please plan to join us!

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, September 13, 4:30-6:30pm, for fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked bean, desserts, and drinks provided. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries.

Something Just for the Ladies, CTPC Women, September 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Ladies, join us for our inaugural meeting.

Liberty Street Project Update: After the Session meeting last week and bulletins were published, we received the last estimate for the electrical work for the Liberty Street Project. Our preliminary guess fell very short so we need to revise our figures.

The electrical portion of the project is \$19,725. They are encouraging us to get started soon as prices are fluctuating rapidly due to the tariffs and increasing cost of copper. The electrical requirements for a children's center requires safety outlets in that space (30 outlets), Three more breakers are needed to accommodate the electrical upgrades needed. Conduit will be run for the outlets. A 220 outlet for a stove is needed along with fans for a small kitchen area. Lighting needs upgraded to the more efficient LED (19 lights). Switches for the new lights will be upgraded for code also.

Ceiling replacement is budgeted at \$15K. The plumbing estimate which includes modifying the plumbing, a three-compartment sink, and an additional utility sink is \$1500-2000.

We have received \$15,600 with additional pledges of \$11,000 for a total of \$26,600. Our updated target estimate is \$36,725 and it would be nice to have an extra \$1000 for unexpected costs. The great news is that we have several candidates for the space and the sooner we get the project ready, the sooner we realize the passive income and the great utilization of this space meeting the needs of our children in the community. This is a growing area and the need is there. Please prayerfully consider any contributions to the Liberty Street Project.

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.

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.

A nursery is available for children ages infant -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>).

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: Ben Puster.

Anniversaries this week: Roger & Sandy Snook, Bryan & Angie LaVallee, Mike & Jane Ishman.

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—217.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering —\$5,265; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$99; Help Fund—\$179; Base-ment improvement-child care—\$5,450.

Ushers for September: Bob Tansill (head), Judy Edwards (counter), Brooks Kusey
Ushers for October: Brooks Kusey (head), Sue Flanagan (counter), Matthew Henshaw

CTPC Upcoming Events:

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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