

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 “We Praise You, O God” No. 612 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “As You Travel from This Place” LUYH No. 134

*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, NOVEMBER 2, 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.

Prelude “O Worship the King” arr. Melody Bober

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

*Song *“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”* No. 41

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We try to master your creation but cannot grasp your great design. We want to share the throne of glory but cannot bear the cross of grief. Forgive us, God of grace. Save us from ourselves and give us the humility to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!” (see screen)

Pastor John

*Song “Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us” LUYH No. 102

Scripture Galatians 5:22-23 p. 1158

Message *“Bearing Fruit: Gentleness”* Pastor John

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

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *“Doxology”* Traditional

The musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.

Hear ye, hear ye, one and all

Advent Celebration

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Immediately following worship for all ages



Light lunch

Advent Activities

carol singing and crafts



ADULTS— decorate the sanctuary if able

Today's Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:22-23

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.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 2

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

Wednesday, November 5

8:00am-5:00pm Life-Line Screening
7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Monday, November 3

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

Thursday, November 6

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Friday, November 7

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, November 12

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 13

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
4-6:00pm Pathfinders Youth Group

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.

The Session has called for a congregational meeting following worship today for the purpose of electing a trustee.

Fall Feast & Fellowship: Please join the Fellowship Team on Sunday, November 16th, after worship for a time of Fellowship and Feasting. The Fellowship Team will provide fried chicken, ham and mashed potatoes. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert and a thankful heart. If you have any questions, please call Lazan Rogers (304-886-5490) or the church office (304-725-5316). The Fellowship Team welcomes any help cleaning up after the meal. Thank you.

Children's Thanksgiving Offering. This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loved ones. The Apostle Paul teaches us that part of living together in community is reaching out to our brothers and sisters when they face hardships, temptation, or sorrow. Four ministries started by leaders in the Presbyterian Church serve our communities and address the needs of thousands of children each year. By participating in the Thanksgiving Offering Program, our congregation will sustain the valuable services provided by: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; Presbyterian Home & Family Services and the Family Alliance. The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 23rd. Note memo line "Thanksgiving offering". As always, thank you for your generosity.

Six-cents-a-meal offering will be collected on Sunday, November 23rd, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The church office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 27th, and Friday, November 28th. Happy Thanksgiving and have a safe holiday.

5th Sunday offering will be collected on Sunday, November 30th, to benefit the Pastor's Help Fund.

An Advent Celebration for all ages will be held following worship on November 30th. A light lunch will be served. There will be carol singing and crafts in the fellowship hall. **Please join us!**

During the Advent celebration following worship on Sunday, November 30th, we will decorate the sanctuary. Any adults wishing to help decorate would be most welcome.

Our Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for donations of hotdogs, rolls and plain tortilla chips for the Charles Town Christmas parade on Saturday, December 6th. We welcome your help as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade. This is a chance for us to greet the community and serve some free food. It is always a fun day! Please have donations to the church by Sunday, November 30th. Any questions please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by **Wednesday, December 3rd**, to sign up (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org). Cost is \$12.00, single stemmed. If you purchase a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after the service on the 24th. Thank you.

Christmas Joy Service will be on Sunday, December 14th, at 2pm. Please plan to join us. **Christmas Joy Offering**, will be collected during the service. Because of your generous gifts the Presbyterian Mission Agency is able to help provide brighter educational opportunities for students at historically Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges, a longstanding tradition of the church. Gifts to the offering also supported the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, a fund that stands in the gap to assist retired church leaders and their survivors in difficult times. Together, they make the Christmas Joy Offering a tribute to the leaders of our church—past and present.

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.

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>).

A nursery is available for children ages infant -5. Please see an usher for 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: Matthew Henshaw.

Anniversaries this week: Marty & Carol Kable.

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.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person—64; Nursery—4 Views—249

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering—\$2,340; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$73; Hospitality Station—\$40; Hunger—\$167; Music Program—\$50; Restore God's House—\$200; Sound System—\$40.

Ushers for November: Debbie Henshaw (head), Anne Portrey (counter), Bob Tansill

Worship Assistants November: 9th-Cy Staniec; 23rd-Steve Bossung

Ushers for December: Matthew Henshaw (head), Brooks Kursey (counter), Ann Portrey

CTPC Upcoming Events:

November 5th	Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
November 9th	Pathfinders Youth Group 4-6:00pm
November 16th	Fall Festival Luncheon following worship
November 22nd	CTP Women's Group 10:00am
November 23rd	Pathfinders Youth Group 4-6:00pm
November 27th	OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving
November 28th	OFFICE CLOSED
November 30th	Advent Festival/Decorating church following worship

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