

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

10:30 AM



*Sung Response “*Lord of All Good*” No. 711 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “*In Christ There Is No East or West*” No. 318

*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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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
(© 2017 by Hal Leonard) music from Day's Psalter

Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-4
O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation; he has reveled his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

*Songs "Sing unto the Lord" LUYH No. 53
"Sing a New Song unto the Lord" No. 276

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God our redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; 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 "Surely, It Is God" LUYH No. 81

Children's Moment Pastor John

Special Music "Out in the Wilderness"
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Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" No. 166

Scripture Deuteronomy 23:9-14 p. 195

Message "Holy Waste" Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "East to West" arr. Melody Bober
(© 2007 My Refuge Music)

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 of Charles Town Presbyterian Church met for their February 2026 stated meeting. Here are the highlights:

- After the initial perfunctory agenda items, the session moved on to committee reports. The Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee moved a new job description for what was the Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Last summer, the session deliberately stepped back and looked at what our needs were as a congregation and to spend time in prayer about staffing specifically. The consensus was that the emphasis of the next staff position should be Christian Education and helping the ministries of the church move solidly into the digital age with technology, social media, etc. After some minor amendments and change to the title of the position, the job description was approved and the DFM was released to begin searching for (drum roll) a Minister to Emerging and Discipleship Ministries! Please keep this process in prayer.
- The property committee gave thorough update on current and future projects. The day care center is still moving forward. We must do some lead paint abatement, all of which is on the exterior of the building. Nothing on the interior showed up positive. The big issue is still if we need a sprinkler system. We are still working on that. As always we will have AC/heat pump units to replace each year, and some lighting around the building needs to be replaced as well. The manse is also in need of attention, mostly maintenance and upgrades around painting (interior and exterior), bathroom upgrades, and consideration of some HVAC issues. The session was also made aware that we need to contract lawn services because our current arrangement is no longer tenable.
- The session approved hosting the May 19 in-person meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery. It has been over fifteen years since CTPC hosted. This will require help from many folks in the congregation.
- The meeting was adjourned after a brief discussion of scheduling matters.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 22

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
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9:30am Choir
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Geneva Ringers
4-6:00pm Pathfinders Youth Group

Monday, February 23

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am A.A. Meeting
7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting
7:30pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, February 24

12:00pm Basic Music
1:00pm Silver Bells
7:00pm DFM Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

12:00pm Lent Bible Study
7:00pm CAV Meeting
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, February 26

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Friday, February 27

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, February 28

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, March 1

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

Today's Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 23:9-14

⁹“When you are encamped against your enemies, then you shall keep yourself from every evil thing.

¹⁰“If any man among you becomes unclean because of a nocturnal emission, then he shall go outside the camp. He shall not come inside the camp, ¹¹but when evening comes, he shall bathe himself in water, and as the sun sets, he may come inside the camp.

¹²“You shall have a place outside the camp, and you shall go out to it. ¹³And you shall have a trowel with your tools, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig a hole with it and turn back and cover up your excrement. ¹⁴Because the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy, so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you.

“Out in the Wilderness” (today's special music)

Driven by the Spirit out in the wilderness;
driven by the Spirit out in the wilderness;
when the Spirit says, “Go,” you can't say, “No.”
You listen for the voice when you're bended low;
driven by the Spirit out in the wilderness.

Tempted by the devil out in the wilderness;
tempted by the devil out in the wilderness;
though you try to be strong, it's been so long.
He whispers in your ear and you know he's wrong;
tempted by the devil out in the wilderness.

Angels all around you out in the wilderness;
angels all around you out in the wilderness;
you are far from home where wild things roam.
There's danger ev'rywhere but you're not along;
angels all around you out in the wilderness.

“You are my beloved” out in the wilderness.
“You are my beloved” out in the wilderness.
When you were baptized, you realized
you'd heard the voice of God from the op'ning skies:
“You are my beloved” out in the wilderness.

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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.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of June Adams who died this past Sunday. May God bless those who grieve.

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

Go Fourth! Today after worship, please join us.

For the season of Lent, Pastor John plans to lead a six week, in person mid-day Bible study beginning this Wednesday, February 25th, based on the book "*Questions of Jesus*".

CT Presbyterian Women will meet on Saturday, February 28th, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor. Please join us and bring a friend.

The session agreed to the request of Shenandoah Presbytery's May 19 stated meeting. Presbytery meetings require a ton of help from the congregation. Please let Pastor John know if you are willing to help out during the day or with the presbytery meeting task force.

It is urgent that we create a list of people who would volunteer to keep the nursery with Jordan for the immediate future. There will be a signup sheet on the piano and in the narthex. If you have not had a background check with CTPC this will need to be done. DFM is taking resumes for this position right away. If you know someone who might be interested please call the church office: 304 725 5316.

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.

Yokefellows Sunday School class is in need to two Sunday school teachers. Teachers are furnished with teaching materials from the Adult Bible Studies series. Teachers will only be asked to teach one Sunday per month. Please contact the church office if you are interested (304-725-5316 or 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: Kathy Shue, Marsha Dibbern, Angie LaVallee.

Anniversaries this week: Jim & Stella Bovard

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. Please keep these faithful servants in prayer.

Last Sunday Worship: In-person -72; Nursery-3; Views-64

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering -\$2,045; Designated Offering-Sunday School-\$71; Loose-\$142.

Ushers for February: Anne Portrey (head usher), Gary Scott (counter), Ruth Scott
Worship Assistants February: 22nd-Henry Christie

Ushers for March: Ruth Scott (head usher), Hoyle Fulbright (counter), Gary Scott
Worship Assistants March: 8th-Cy Staniec, 22-Steve Bossung

CTPC Upcoming Events:

February 22nd	Go Fourth! Following worship Pathfinders Youth Group 4-6:00pm
February 25th-April 1st	Lent Bible Study 12:00pm
February 28th	CTP Women's Group 10:00am
March 23rd	Life-Line Screening 8-5:00pm

For electronic giving, please scan here:

