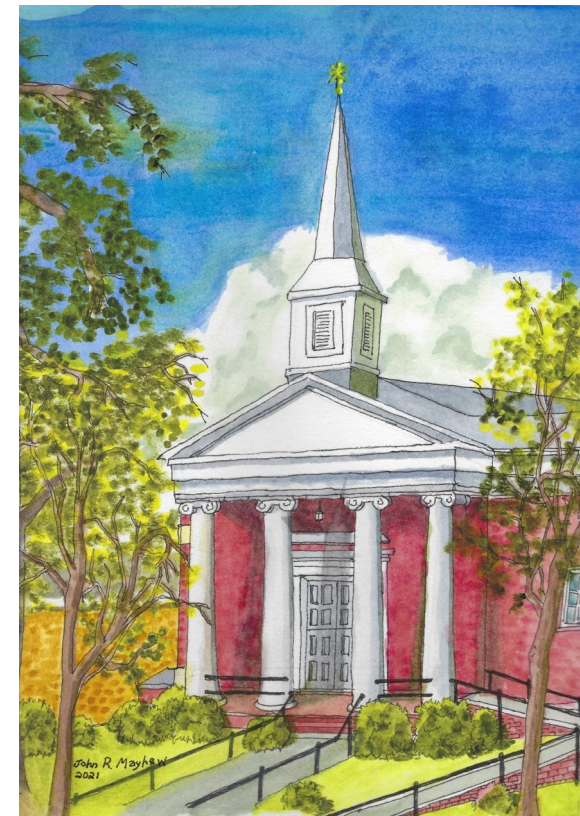


CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

10:30 AM



*Sung Response “Now Thank We All Our God” No. 643 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” No. 363

*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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Session News

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

- ◆ After approving the amended docket and the minutes from the last stated meeting, the clerk shared two pieces of communication. The first was the 2025 statistical report, which was unanimously received as presented. The second piece was information about elder training information that will be forthcoming in an email.
- ◆ The Discipleship and Family Ministries Committee provided an update on the employee searches currently underway. Please keep the DFM committee in prayer as they seek a second nursery worker and a Director of Youth and Emerging Ministries.
- ◆ The finance committee presented an updated process for filing expense vouchers with the office and bookkeeper.
- ◆ The property committee gave an extensive report, which included several motions. First, the session unanimously recognized the service Dwayne Wolfe for his years of helping maintain the exterior of the property. After an extensive review of the Day Care Center project, the session unanimously approved the report moving forward. Finally, the session unanimously approved the recommendation to enter a ten-month contract with Roberts Lawn and Landscaping for mowing, fall and spring cleanup, bush and tree trimming, and mulching. The cost will be \$1,090 per month. The session was also brought up to date on outstanding projects in the main building and the manse, including surprise HVAC work for which the committee is seeking additional bids. One of the units for the sanctuary must be replaced, and since we use two that are “ganged” together, this replacement along with planned replacement for several other units is excessive in cost.
- ◆ Pastor John and Elder Shue gave a report on the February meeting of Shenandoah presbytery.
- ◆ The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 22

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

Monday, March 23

Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am A.A. Meeting
8-5:00pm Life-Line Screening
5:00pm Prayer Group
7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting
7:30pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, March 24

1:00pm Silver Bells
7:00pm DFM Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Friday, March 27

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 28

10:00am CTP Women's Group
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, March 29

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

Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 28:1-10

28 After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ²The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. ³When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. ⁴When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” ⁵He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

⁷Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. ⁹And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. ¹⁰They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

Notes:

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 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. There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 19th, following worship fall persons who can help prior to or on the day of the presbytery meeting.

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

Go Fourth! Following worship by the Worship & Music Team. Please join us in the hospitality center.

For the season of Lent, Pastor John's in person mid-day Bible study will meet on Wednesday, March 25th and conclude on Wednesday, April 1st.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: Get ready for this year's Easter Egg hunt, happening after worship next Sunday, March 29th, rain or shine. Bring your family and try to find the most eggs, all of which will be filled with candy! Donations of candy— individually wrapped and **not chocolate**. Can be dropped off at church office. We hope to see you there. This year we are adding a time of refreshments and fellowship for the entire congregation out on the lawn on the Mildred Street entrance. We will be able to snack, talk, and watch the Easter Egg Hunt. This year all ages of kids will be hunting from the same area so that we can all be together.

5th Sunday, is March 29th, the offering will be collected today to benefit the Pastor's Help Fund.

Easter Memorial or Honorarium Lilies. Just like last year, in lieu of lilies, we will encourage people to make donations to the Pastor's help fund. We will list these the same way that we list Easter lilies, in memory of or in honor of loved ones. It's understandable that some people will not be pleased with this. Friends, there will be lilies and other flowers decorating the sanctuary. At the moment, the worship committee feels called that the human need is greater. Please contact the church office (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org) for more information. The recommended minimum donation is the same as what we would charge for lilies, \$15.

Good Friday service. Please join us Friday, April 3rd, at 7:00pm, for our Good Friday service. The offering will go to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Resurrection Sunday. The Community Sunrise Service at Jefferson Memorial Park at 6:30am, Sunday, April 5th.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on Resurrection Sunday, April 5th. The OGHs offering is used to assist people in suffering and in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People program.

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School to be held Monday, July 13th—Thursday, July 16th, 9am – Noon. Rainforest Falls *Exploring the Nature of God*. **Volunteers needed.** Let us know if you would be willing to help. Contact Marsha Dibbern (304-671-9715 or marshadib468@gmail.com.)

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.

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.

A nursery is available for children ages infant -5. Please see an usher for more information.

Yokefellows Sunday School class is in need of 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: Julia McDonough, Bethany Hollida, Peyton LaVallee, Diane Mayhew, Chloe Ruffner, Laura Van Vuuren.

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 –68; Nursery—3; Views—262

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering —\$1,655; Designated Offering—Sunday School-\$42; Loose—\$109; Facility Use—\$33; Restore God's House—\$200.

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

Ushers for April: Hoyle Fulbright (head usher), Anne Portrey (counter), Sue Flanagan
Worship Assistants April: 12th—Margaret Kursey; 26th—TBD

CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 23rd	Life-Line Screening 8-5:00pm
March 25th -April 1st	Lent Bible Study 12:00pm
March 28th	CTP Women's Group 10:00am
March 29th	Palm Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt following worship
April 3rd	Good Friday service at 7:00pm
April 5th	Community Sunrise Service at 6:30am Jefferson Memorial Park



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