

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

10:30 AM

\*Sung Response

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” No. 703 (vs. 1)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord be with you...

**and also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**we lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Distribution of the Elements

\*Song

“Your Only Son”

No. 518

\*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.**

*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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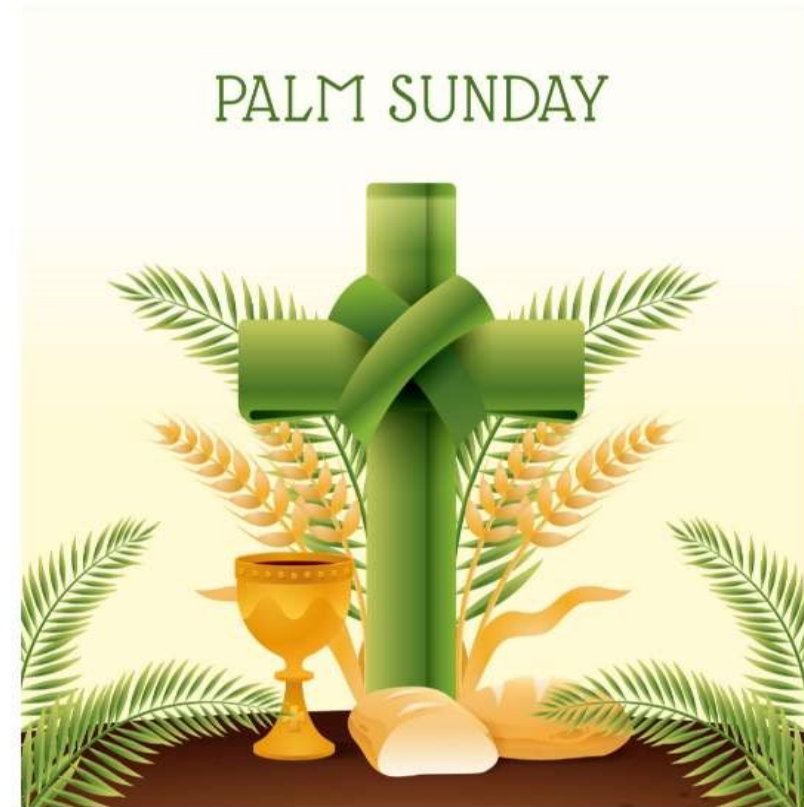
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*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

*Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                      *"Hosanna to the Son"*                      Jody W. Lindh  
(© 1992 Choristers Guild)  
Glory Singers and Alleluia Singers

Call to Worship

Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Hosanna in the highest! Glory to God on high!**  
Hosanna in the highest! Glory to God on high!  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

\*Song                      *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*                      No. 196

Scripture Reading                      Matthew 21:1-11                      p. 981

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Triumphant God, we join the crowd today, cheering your entry into our lives. But how quickly we turn from shouts of joy to taunts of hatred. Instead of greeting you when the going gets tough, we choose to greet you only when it is convenient for us. In the moments when tough choices have to be made, we build walls to keep people out instead of bigger tables to invite more guests. We, the builders of these walls, have rejected you, the chief corner stone. Give us courage to build bridges instead of walls. Give us strength to accept your call upon our lives. Give us righteousness that we might know the difference between what is easy and what is right. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*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.*

\*Sung Response to Confession

*"There Is a Redeemer"*                      No. 443 (vs. 1)

Children's Moment                      Pastor John

Special Music                      *"The Wondrous Cross"*                      Jason W. Krug  
(© 2025 Grassy Meadow Music)  
Geneva Ringers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Song                      *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*                      No. 223

Scripture                      Isaiah 52:13-53:12                      p. 728

Message                      *"Breaking Good, Breaking Bad"*                      Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering                      *"Midnight In the Garden"*                      Jason W. Krug  
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CTPC Ringers

*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.*

### Isaiah 52:13-53:12

<sup>13</sup> Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.  
<sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—  
<sup>15</sup> so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.  
**53** Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him and no beauty that we should desire him.  
<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.  
<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?  
<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.  
<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.  
<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### 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

### Monday, March 30

Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)  
7:30am A.A. Meeting  
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### Tuesday, March 31

1:00pm Silver Bells

### Wednesday, April 1

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

### Thursday, April 2 –Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

### Friday, April 3—Good Friday

7:30am A.A. Meeting  
7:00pm Good Friday Service

### Saturday, April 4

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

6:30am Community Sunrise service at Jefferson Memorial Park  
9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
9:30am Choir  
10:30am Worship Celebration

**“Hosanna to the Son”** today’s special music

Hosanna, hosanna, to the Son of David,  
blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
Glory, glory be to God on high!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
Glory, glory be to God on high!

The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem;  
riding on a donkey’s colt, he came, palm branches spread before him.  
The disciples didn’t understand what was happening at first;  
but when Jesus, the King, was glorified,  
then they remembered, it has all be written!

Hosanna, hosanna, to the Son of David,  
blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
Glory, glory be to God on high!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
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Glory, glory be to God on high!

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## Today’s Scripture Readings

### Matthew 21:1-11

**21** Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

## 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 Rachel Tansill who died this past Monday. May God bless those who grieve.

**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 for all persons who can help prior to or on the day of the presbytery meeting.

**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us on for a time of refreshments and fellowship for the entire congregation out on the lawn on the Mildred Street entrance following worship. We will be able to snack, talk, and watch the Easter Egg Hunt. All ages of kids will be hunting from the same area so that we can all be together. Please join us.

**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. Please call or email the church office by Wednesday, April 1st.

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

**Good Friday service.** Please join us next 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, next 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.

**Six-cents a meal** offering will be collected on April 26th, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

**Go Fourth!** Following worship on Sunday, April 26th. Please join us.

**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.

**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](mailto:marshadib468@gmail.com).)

**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:** Donna Burns, Jane Ishman, Spencer Howard, Ken Reim, John Burns, Liz Kursey, Brooke Smith.

**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 -73; Nursery-3; Views-52

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering - \$1,345; Designated Offering—Sunday School-\$31; Hunger—\$215; Facility Use—\$200; Restore God's House—\$50, Lilies—\$30.

**Ushers for March:** Ruth Scott (head usher), Hoyle Fulbright (counter), Gary Scott

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

## CTPC Upcoming Events:

March 28th  
March 29th  
April 1st  
April 3rd  
April 5th

April 6th  
April 24th  
April 25th

CTP Women's Group 10:00am  
Palm Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt following worship  
Lent Bible Study 12:00pm  
Good Friday service at 7:00pm  
Community Sunrise Service at 6:30am  
Jefferson Memorial Park  
OFFICE CLOSED  
Donadio/Springstead rehearsal 5-7:00pm  
Donadio/Springstead wedding 11-5:00pm

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