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*Sung Response
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” No. 610 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “Standing on the Promises” No. 838

*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, APRIL 19, 2026
10:30 AM



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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 103:19-22
The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
**Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones
who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!**
Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
**Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his
dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

*Songs	<i>“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”</i>	No. 611
	<i>“Ten Thousand Reasons”</i>	(see screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; 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 “*Healing Grace*” LUYH No. 68

Children's Moment Pastor John

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* No. 435

Scripture James 1:1-18 p. 1199

Message *“Moving Forward”* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *“Standing on the Promises”*
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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.

Notes

Today’s Scripture Readings
James 1:1-18

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 19		Thursday, April 23	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	5:30pm	Friendship Ministry Meal
10:30am	Worship Celebration		
11:30am	Help with presbytery meeting		
Monday, April 20		Friday, April 24	
	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	11:00am	Meals-on-Wheels Volunteer Luncheon
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting	5:00pm	Donadio/Springstead Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 21		Saturday, April 25	
		10:00am	CTP Women’s Group
		11-5:00pm	Donadio/Springstead Wedding
		8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Wednesday, April 22		Sunday, April 26	
7:00pm	CAV Meeting	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
8:00pm	A.A. Meeting	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 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 **today** following worship for all persons who can help prior to or on the day of the presbytery meeting.

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.

Thank you to the CTPC deacons who provided the April Friendship Meal. We appreciate Daniel Beeson, Sue Flanagan, Hoyle Fulbright, Matthew Henshaw, Tommy Morgan, Anne Portrey, Gary Scott, and Ruth Scott. Linda Pulsar and her 4-H club will serve the meal in May. *"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."* **Proverbs 19:17**

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.) To set up this jungle scene we will need many hands. Here's how you can help. Save these items and bring them to the church--we need to start now on decorations: brown packing paper found in Amazon shipments--any length (when twisted, they will make great jungle vines), brown cardboard boxes--the bigger the better (any size except very small-refrigerator boxes welcome) , and cylindrical containers used for shipping or at the center of carpet rolls--any length the longer the better).

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, May 23rd, 4:30-6:30pm, for fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked bean, desserts, and drink provided. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries.

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 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: Debbie Gregory.

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, Nursery—N/A; Views—59

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering —\$2,645; Designated Offering—Sunday School-\$95; Loose—\$148; Help Fund—\$80; One Great Hour of Sharing—\$10; Restore God's House—\$100; Lilies—\$30; Hunger—\$10; Sound System—\$70.

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

Ushers for May: Tommy Morgan (head usher), Sue Flanagan (counter), TBD
Worship Assistants May: 10th—Henry Christie; 24th—Lynne Pechuekonis; 31st—Margaret Kursey

CTPC Upcoming Events:

April 24th	Donadio/Springstead rehearsal 5-7:00pm
April 25th	Donadio/Springstead wedding 11-5:00pm
May 16th	Kaetzel fellowship hall 1-5:00pm
May 19th	CTPC hosts Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting 8-4:00pm
May 23rd	Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-6:30pm
May 25th	OFFICE CLOSED
May 30th	Hudson/children's piano recital/sanctuary & fellowship hall 1-6:00pm

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