

Please hold the bread and the cup and partake when directed, when all have been served. Gluten free bread is in the center of the tray.

Our sending is a recommitment to the mission of Charles Town Presbyterian Church.

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*Sung Response
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord be with you;
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

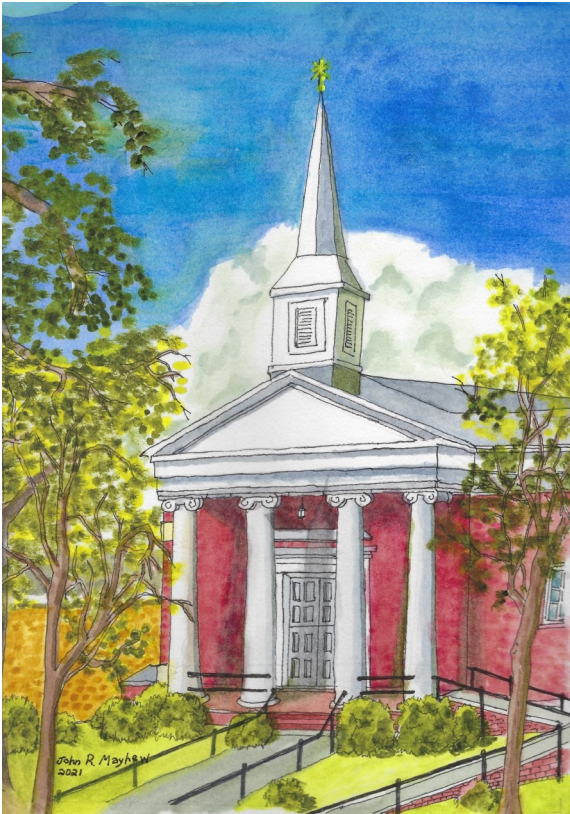
*Song “I’ll Praise My Maker” No. 806

*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, MAY 3, 2026
10:30 AM



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.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*
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Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-4
Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the people!
**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

*Song *“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”* No. 33

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue
to live in fear. You make us branches of your vine,
but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise
to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us,
God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the
love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love
one another; 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 *“We Give Thee but Thine Own ”* No. 708

Scripture James 1:26-27 p. 1199

Message *“Mouth”* Pastor John

*Profession of Faith *“Apostles’ Creed”* (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*
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*The congrega-
tion responds
in song
because God
hears our
prayer.*

*Prayer in
worship
connects us to
God and to one
another.*

*While not
written by the
apostles the
Apostles
Reflects the
faith of the
early church.
It has
undergone
numerous
revisions
attaining its
final form
during the 8th
century.*

*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.*

Today’s Scripture Readings
James 1:26-27

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Notes

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 3		Thursday, May 7	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	5:30pm	Friendship Ministry Meal
10:30am	Worship Celebration		
Monday, May 4		Friday, May 8	
	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	Saturday, May 9	
7:00pm	Stewardship & Vision Meeting	8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting		
Tuesday, May 5		Sunday, May 10	
6:30 pm	A. A. District Meeting	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
7:00pm	Session Meeting	10:30am	Worship Celebration
7:00pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting	4-6:00pm	Pathfinders Youth Group
Wednesday, May 6			
7:00pm	CAV Meeting		
8:00pm	A.A. Meeting		

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 Ray Jamison who died this past Tuesday. May God bless those who grieve.

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. Matthew Henshaw has BBQ Dinner Fundraiser tickets for sale. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries. Anyone willing to bake cakes, pies and cookies to donate should contact Jeanette Tabb for the types of these bake goods that will be needed. We plan on a table in the Fellowship Hall with baked goods available thereon including some "gluten free" and "sugar free" baked goods.

Our Presbyterian Women's Bible study group invites you to join us on Saturday, May 30th, at 10:00am, when Lynn Pechuekonis, a member of CTPC and local author of historical books about Harpers Ferry, will share about the Bible study she wrote: *The Gentle Savior: Seeing Him through the Eyes of the Women Who Met Him*. We will provide brunch. Although not essential, an RSVP will help us with planning. Please inform or email Sharon Criswell at doyle.criswell@att.net.

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).

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 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).

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

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected on Sunday, May 24th, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Go Fourth! Following worship on Sunday, May 24th. Please join us.

5th Sunday offering will be collected on Sunday, May 31st, to benefit the Pastor's Help Fund.

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: Connie Casserly, Camdyn Noland, Claire Smith.

Anniversaries this week: John & Karen Gregoryk.

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 –64; Nursery—4; Views—89.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering —\$1,149; Designated Offering—Sunday School-\$101; Hunger—\$111; Restore God's House—\$100; Sound System—\$60.

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

Ushers for June: Gary Scott (head usher), Matthew Henshaw (counter), Ruth Scott
Worship Assistants June: TBD

CTPC Upcoming Events:

May 16th	Kaetzel fellowship hall 1-5:00pm
May 19th	CTPC hosts Shenandoah Presbyterian 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
June 19th	OFFICE CLOSED—Juneteenth
July 1st	Life Line Screening 8:00am-5:00pm
July 3rd	OFFICE CLOSED—4th of July
July 13-16th	Vacation Bible School Rainforest Falls 9:00am-Noon

For electronic giving, please scan here:

