

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

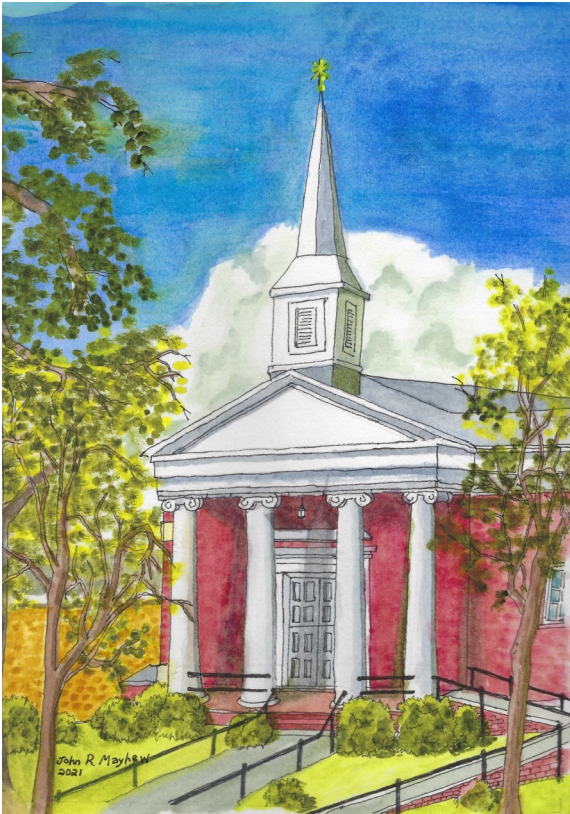
*Song “Partakers of the Holy Food” LUYH No. 131

*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 17, 2026
10:30 AM



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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, Holy, Holy/ with Fairest Lord Jesus”*
Patricia Dick arr. Suzanne Brantley

Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-3, 9
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble**
And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
**For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

*Song *“Now Thank We All Our God”* No. 643

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You invite us to share in Christ’s ministry, but we ignore the calling of our baptism. You allow us to share in Christ’s own life, but we fail to believe this good news. We chase the things of the world when we should be resting in you. Forgive us, God of grace. Protect us, for we belong to you. Sanctify us in your truth that our hope and joy may be complete; 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
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 366 (vs. 1)

Children’s Moment Pastor John

Special Music *“You Raise Me Up”* arr. Joel Raney
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Geneva Ringers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song *“When the Poor Ones”* No. 762

Scripture James 2:14-26 p. 1200

Message *“Faith and Action”* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *“Now Thank We All Our God”* arr. Bo Kim
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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 2:14-26

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 17		Thursday, May 21	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	5:30pm	Friendship Ministry Meal
10:30am	Worship Celebration		
Monday, May 18		Friday, May 22	
	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
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7:30pm	A.A. Meeting	Saturday, May 23	
		4:30-6:30pm	Yokefellows BBQ Dinner
		8:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Tuesday, May 19		Sunday, May 24	
9:00am-5:00pm	CTPC hosts Shenandoah Presbytery	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
		10:30am	Worship Celebration
Wednesday, May 20		4:00-6:00pm	Pathfinders Youth Group
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.

A special note from our Communicating God's Word with Technology Committee: there has been a recent email phishing scam masked as a "punchbowl event" that has been targeting our membership. Please be mindful of such emails, inspect links before you click, or check with the actual person to verify the email.

Communicating with Technology Committee is seeking an updated list of brands of hearing aids used by the congregation during worship on Sunday mornings. Please contact Roger Snook.

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us this 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.

Attention Graduates: We would like to honor your achievements. If you have a graduate in your family or know of any graduates (high school or college) in our church family, please call (304-725-5316) or email (ctpres@ctpres.org) their name, high school or college, and future plans to the church office by tomorrow, May 31st. Graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, June 7th.

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).

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

Go Fourth! Following worship on Sunday, May 31st. We will hear about VBS. Please join us.

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

Thank you to Linda Puster and her 4-H Club members who prepared and served a hot Friendship Meal on May 2nd. They practice that part of the 4-H pledge "...my hands to larger service..." when they care for their community.

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.

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: Sara Fowler, Abby Duncan, John Karos.

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—80; Nursery—5; Views—22.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering —\$2,705; Designated Offering—Sunday School-\$110; Loose-\$130, Basement improvement/childcare—\$25,000.

Ushers for May: Tommy Morgan (head usher), Sue Flanagan (counter), Daniel Beeson
Worship Assistants May: 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 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

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