

*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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\*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

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Song “Take Up Your Cross” LUYH No. 117

\*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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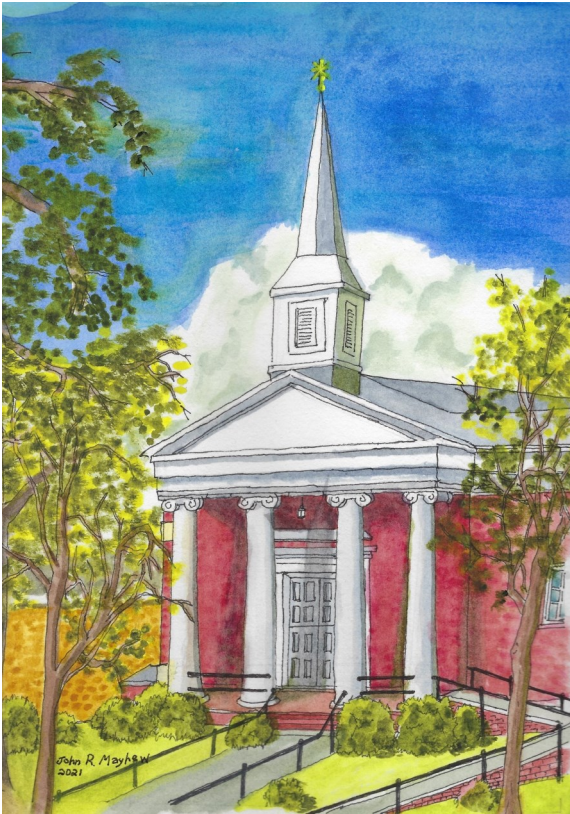
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# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026  
10:30 AM



[www.ctpres.org](http://www.ctpres.org)

*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”*  
(© 2013 by Alfred Music)      arr. Cindy Berry

Call to Worship      Psalm 117  
Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
**For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!**

\*Song      *“From All That Dwells Below the Skies”*      No. 327

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed  
your way. You show us the wrong we have done, yet  
we point fingers at others. You offer us the bread of  
heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Speak your truth to us in  
love, so that we may return to you in peace, and  
grow more and more in grace; 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  
*“Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love”*      No. 449 (vs. 1)

Children’s Moment      Pastor John

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Song      *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*      No. 738

Scripture      2 John 1-13      p. 1214

Message      *“An Important Warning”*      Pastor John

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

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering      *“Laast Uns Erfreuen”*      arr. Larry Shackley  
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\*Sung Response  
*“Praise, I Will Praise You Lord”*      No. 628 (vs. 1)

*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.*

NOTES:

Today’s Scripture Reading  
2 John 1-13

<sup>1</sup>The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, <sup>2</sup>because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

<sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

<sup>4</sup>I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. <sup>5</sup>And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. <sup>6</sup>And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. <sup>7</sup>For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup>Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. <sup>9</sup>Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup>If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, <sup>11</sup>for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

<sup>12</sup>Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>13</sup>The children of your elect sister greet you.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

|                            |                           |                           |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, August 2</b>    |                           | <b>Thursday, August 6</b> |                           |
| 9:00am                     | Education Hour (all ages) | 5:30pm                    | Friendship Ministry Meal  |
| 10:30am                    | Worship Celebration       |                           |                           |
| <b>Monday, August 3</b>    |                           | <b>Friday, August 7</b>   |                           |
|                            | Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri) | 7:30am                    | A.A. Meeting              |
| 7:30am                     | A.A. Meeting              |                           |                           |
| 7:30pm                     | A.A. Meeting              | <b>Saturday, August 8</b> |                           |
|                            |                           | 7:00pm                    | A.A. Meeting              |
| <b>Tuesday, August 4</b>   |                           | <b>Sunday, August 9</b>   |                           |
|                            |                           | 9:00am                    | Education Hour (all ages) |
| <b>Wednesday, August 5</b> |                           | 10:30am                   | Worship Celebration       |
| 7:00pm                     | CAV Meeting               | 4:00pm                    | Pathfinders Youth Group   |
| 7:00pm                     | 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.

**Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner.** Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, September 12, 2026, 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.

**CTPC is hosting** a free community concert on Sunday, September 20th, 2:00pm, with Thomas Keesecker. Mr. Keesecker is a composer, pianist, and retired church musician whose sacred choral works and piano collections are published by MorningStar, Augsburg Fortress, Choristers Guild, Concordia, and GIA. Drawing from classical, jazz, Celtic, and folk traditions, he brings hymn tunes to life through expressive arrangements and thoughtful reflections shared with communities nationwide. Please plan to join us and bring a friend.

**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).

**Six-cents a meal** offering will be collected on Sunday, August 23rd, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

**5th Sunday** offering will be collected on Sunday, August 30th, to benefit the Pastor's Help Fund.

**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.

**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:** Linda Puster, Mike Kursey.

**Anniversaries:** Mike & Margaret Kursey.

**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 –56; Nursery-3; Views—87.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.

**Last Sunday**—General Offering—\$2,030; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$93; Hunger—\$275; Restore God's House—\$140; On-Line Giving—General Offering—\$2,884; Restore God's House—\$100.

**Ushers for August:** Tommy Morgan (head usher), Daniel Beeson (counter), Matthew Henshaw.

**Ushers for September:** Hoyle Fulbright (head usher), Tommy Morgan (counter), Daniel Beeson.

**Worship Assistants August:** 9th-Margaret Kursey; 23rd-Lynne Pechuekonis; 30th-Cy Staniec.

**Worship Assistants September:** 13th—Henry Christie; 27th Sue Flanagan.

### **CTPC Upcoming Events:**

|                |                                       |
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| September 12th | Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-6:30pm    |
| September 20th | CTPC hosting Community Concert 2:00pm |



**For electronic giving, please scan here:**