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*Sung Response
“Praise, I Will Praise You Lord” No. 628 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

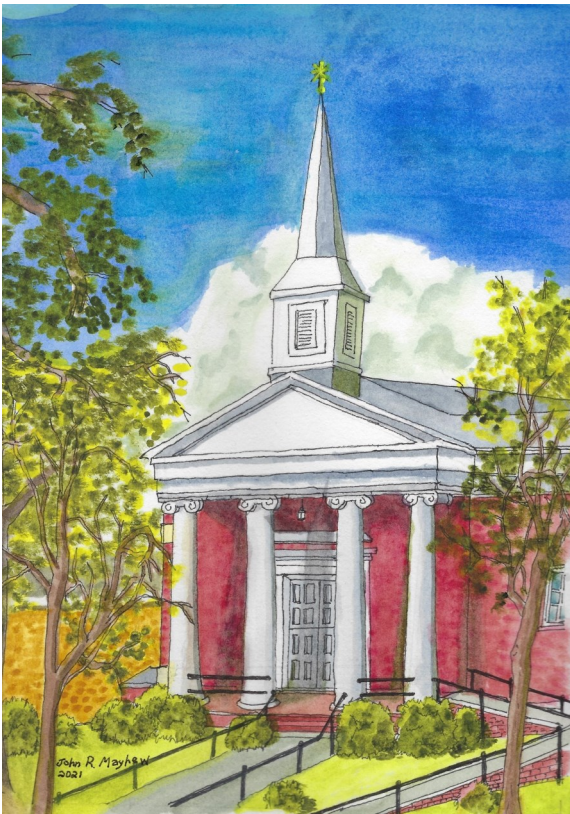
*Song “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” No. 377

*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, AUGUST 9, 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 “People Need the Lord”
Anne Portrey

Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-4
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

*Songs “This Is the Day” LUYH No. 15
“In His Presence” LUYH No. 101

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living as your be loved 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
“Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love” No. 449 (vs. 1)

Children’s Moment Pastor John

Special Music “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J. S. Bach
Rosalyn LaVallee

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song “Thy Word” LUYH No. 85

Scripture 3 John 1-15 p. 1215

Message “Leading” Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering “Thy Word” Michael W. Smith
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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 Reading
3 John 1-15

¹The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

²Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. ³For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

⁹I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. ¹⁰So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

¹¹Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. ¹²Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink.

¹⁴I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

¹⁵Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 9

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
4:00pm Pathfinders Youth Group

Monday, August 10

Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am A.A. Meeting
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Tuesday, August 11

7:00pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, August 13

Friday, August 14

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, August 15

7:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, August 16

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

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 Note of Thanks from Vicki Burns: Thank you to all who are praying for, visiting, and sending cards to Jonathan as he is in care facility. It brings comfort as we take things a day at a time. God bless you!

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 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).

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: Bennet Beeson, Jeannette Tabb, Ann Workman, Daniel Beeson, Micaiah Robison, Mark Day.

Anniversaries this week: Chris & Sherry Clark.

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 –60; Nursery–4; Views–134.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
Last Sunday—General Offering—\$2,885; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$56; Loose—\$31; Basement Improvement/Childcare—\$2,500; JCCM—\$5; Help Fund—\$80; Hunger—\$11; Music Program—\$600; 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 Pecheoukonis; 30th-Cy Staniec.

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:
September 7th OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day
September 12th Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-6:30pm
September 20th CTPC hosts community concert 2:00pm
October 18th Hospitality Center Apple Fest following worship 11:30am

For electronic giving, please scan here:

