

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

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*Sung Response “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
No. 716 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

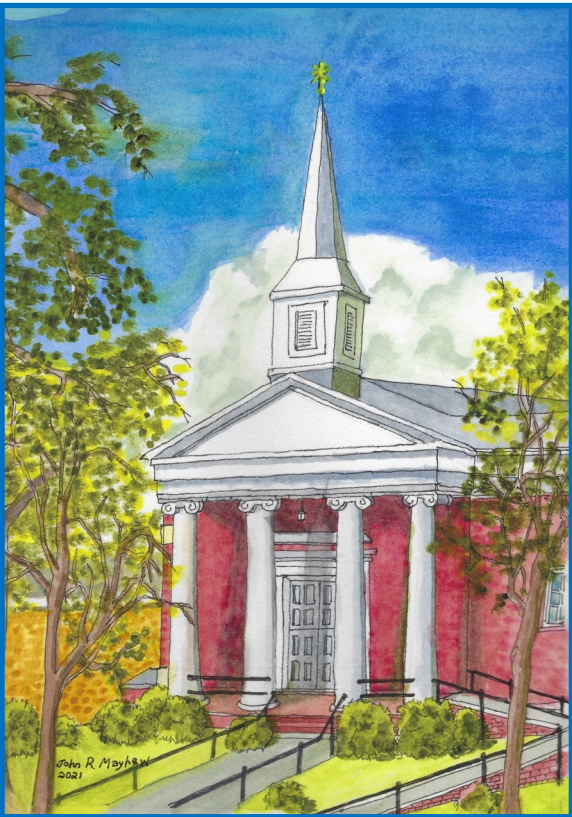
*Song “O Jesus, I Have Promised” No. 724

*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, SEPTEMBER 13, 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.

***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.***

“***I’d Rather Have Jesus***” (today’s special music)

1 I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

*(Refrain) Than to be the king of a vast domain
or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
this world affords today.*

2 I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame.
I'd rather be true to His holy name (Refrain)

3 He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom'
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs.
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead (Refrain)

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Today’s Scripture Reading
2 Corinthians 5:11-20

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 13 9:00am Education Hour (all ages) 10:30am Worship Celebration	Thursday, September 17 5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal
Monday, September 14 Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri) 7:30am A.A. Meeting 7:00pm Technology & Communications 7:30pm A.A. Meeting	Friday, September 18 7:30am A.A. Meeting
Tuesday, September 15 7:00pm Session Meeting	Saturday, September 19 5:00pm Pathfinders at C&O Canal Shepherdstown 7:00pm A.A. Meeting
Wednesday, September 16 9:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm CAV Meeting 7:00pm A.A. Meeting	Sunday, September 20 9:00am Education Hour (all ages) 9:00am New Members Class 10:30am Worship Celebration 2:00pm Community Concert

NOTES:

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.

CTPC is hosting a free community concert next 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.

World Communion Sunday, October 4th. To help us focus on our role in answering the question in Micah 6:8, we are asking everyone in the congregation to participate in an Art Contest, using the drawing below (full sized copies will be available) with whatever medium you choose. Be creative! Prizes will be awarded for adults and youth. Submit your creation by September 27th. Please sign your name on the back of your artwork! Copies available for the Contest throughout the church!

Do you love apples? We apple-solutely have the event for you! Apple Fest 2026! Join us Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 11:30 am (after Worship) in the Hospitality Center. Apple everything! Apple cider, apple pie, apple bread, caramel and dips for apples and other apple goodies! Now is the time to start thinking of your favorite apple treat to make and share. Please watch for more information and a sign up soon.

Six-cents a meal offering will be collected on Sunday, September 27th, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

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).

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: Ben Puster, Louise Spitzer.

Anniversaries this week: George & Jeannette Tabb.

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 –62; Nursery—3; Views—29.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
Last Sunday—General Offering—\$3,790; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$97; Loose—\$55; Help Fund—\$310; Hunger—\$10; Restore God’s House—\$2,240.

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

Ushers for October: Ruth Scott (head usher), Sue Flanagan (counter), Hoyle Fulbright.

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

Worship Assistants October: 10th—Margaret Kursey; 25th—Lynne Pechuekonis

CTPC Upcoming Events:

September 19th	Pathfinders at C&O Canal Shepherdstown at 5:00pm
September 20th	New Member Class 9:00am
	CTPC hosts community concert 2:00pm
September 27th	Reception of New Members during worship
October 4th	World Communion Sunday
October 18th	Hospitality Center Apple Fest following worship 11:30am

For electronic giving, please scan here:

