

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

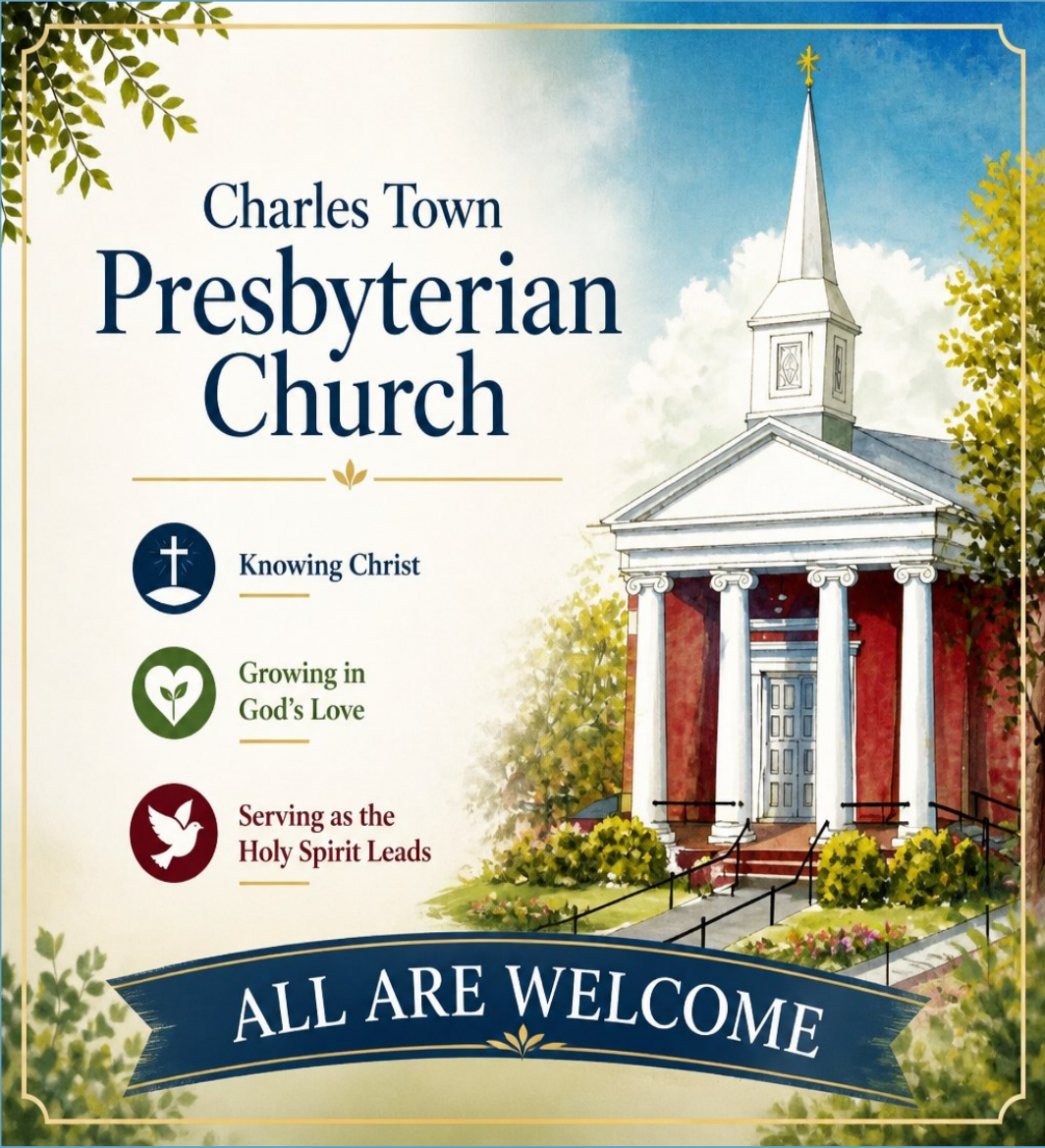
*Sending
Brothers and sisters, as the Church of Jesus Christ, go from this place...
Knowing Christ, growing in God’s love, and serving as the Holy Spirit leads.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” today’s special music
Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely. And long for heav’n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
I sing because I’m happy— I sing because I’m free—
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
“Let not your heart be troubled.” His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.
Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
I sing because I’m happy— I sing because I’m free—
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him; From care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
I sing because I’m happy— I sing because I’m free—
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
(Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1905; music: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905)

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 27		Thursday, October 1	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	5:30pm	Friendship Ministry Meal
10:30am	Worship Celebration	Friday, October 2	
11:30am	Congregational Meeting	7:30am	A.A. Meeting
11:45am	Officer Training	Saturday, October 3	
Monday, September 28		10:00am	A.A. Event Planning Meeting
	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	7:00pm	A.A. Meeting
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	Sunday, October 4 - World Communion	
7:00pm	Worship & Music Meeting	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting	10:30am	Worship Celebration
Tuesday, September 29			
Wednesday, September 30			
7:00pm	CAV Meeting		
7:00pm	A.A. Meeting		

Today’s Scripture Reading
Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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.

This morning we welcome new members: Gail Bainfield, James Easterbrooks, Sharon Elliott, James and Alexandra Haley, and Chris Liston.

The Session has called a congregational meeting today immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect an elder to fill a partial vacancy. Anne Portrey is nominated by the CNC. Nominations will be taken from the floor as usual.

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.

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, September 27th, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

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: Wesley Clark, Susan Wall, Thane Van Zomeren, Violet Eilers, Tim Casserly, Sharon Criswell, Brooklyn Farmer, Holy Fulbright Jackson Smith.

Anniversaries this week: Jonathan & Vicki Burns.

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 –70; Nursery—3; Views—26.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
Last Sunday—General Offering—\$1,100; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$45; Loose—\$140; Basement Improvement/Childcare—\$500; JCCM—\$263; Help Fund—\$500; Fellowship Fundraiser—\$500; Sound System—\$60.
On-Line Giving: General Offering—\$2,073; Restore God’s House—\$40.

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: 27th Sue Flanagan.

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:

September 27th	Reception of New Members during worship
October 4th	World Communion Sunday
October 10th	LaRue fellowship hall 11-5:00pm
October 18th	Apple Fest following worship in the hospitality station
October 24th	CTP Women’s Group 10:00am



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