

When directed, please come to the front of the sanctuary. The servers will tear off a small piece of bread an serve you. Please dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your seat. If you are unable to com 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 “Take My Life” No. 697 (vs. 1)

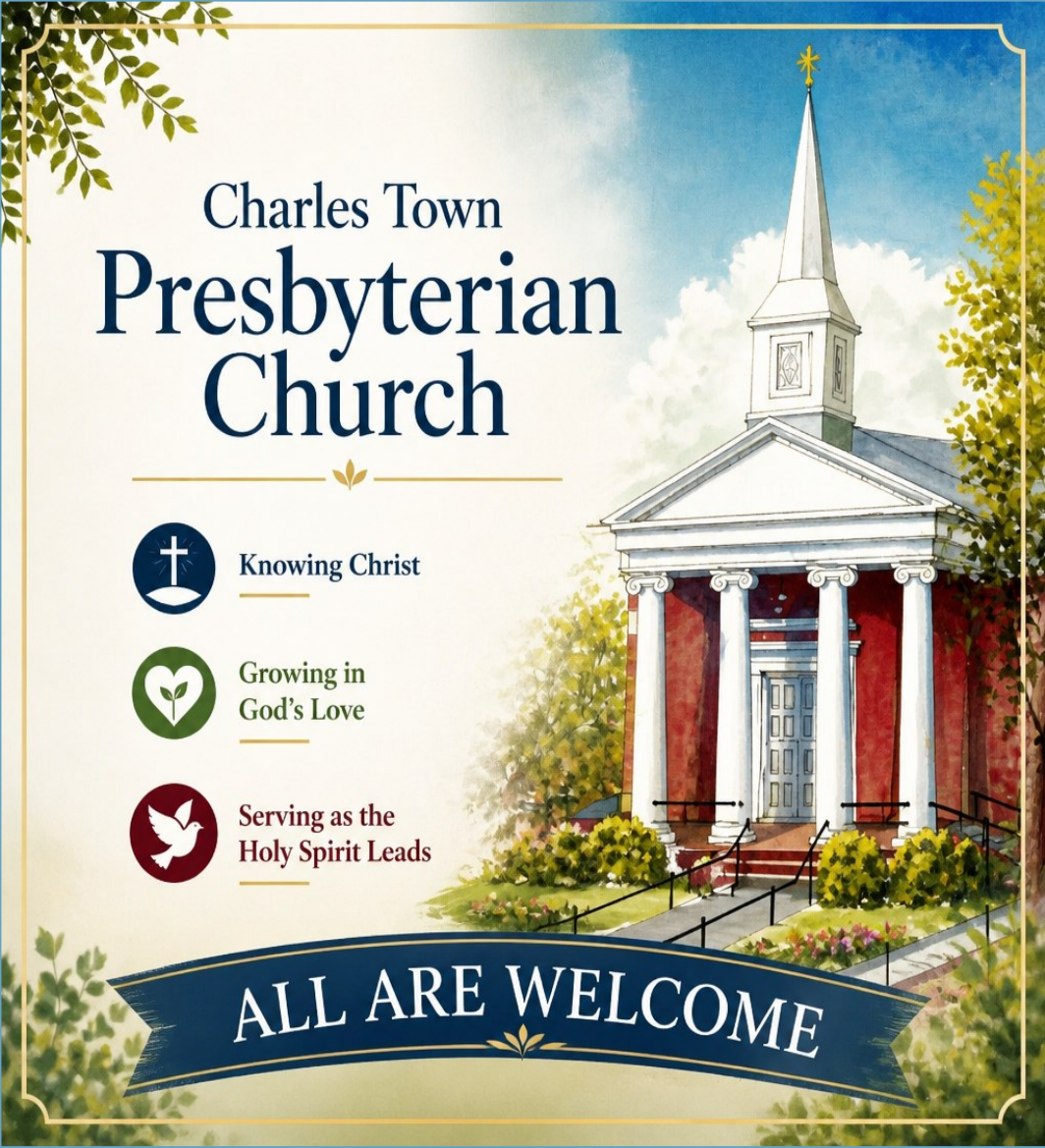
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen” No. 536

*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, OCTOBER 18, 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.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon...
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession
“What Does the Lord Require?” LUYH No. 97

Children's Moment Pastor John

Ministry Moment Stewardship

Special Music

"Here I Am, Lord"
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Patricia Dick

arr. Fred Bock

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song “*This Is a Time to Remember*” (see screen)

Scripture Haggai 1:1-15 p. 941

Message *“The Waiting Is the Hardest Part”* Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

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***The congrega-
tion 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
Haggai 1:1-15

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: ²“Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.” ³Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, ⁴“Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁶You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

⁷“Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. ⁸Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD. ⁹You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. ¹⁰Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors.”

¹²Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD. ¹³Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, “I am with you, declares the LORD.” ¹⁴And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, ¹⁵on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18		Thursday, October 22	
9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)	5:30pm	Friendship Ministry Meal
10:30am	Worship Celebration		
11:30am	Apple Fest Celebration	Friday, October 23	
Monday, October 19		7:30am	A.A. Meeting
	Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)	Saturday, October 24	
7:30am	A.A. Meeting	10:00am	CTP Women’s Group
7:30pm	A.A. Meeting	7:00pm	A.A. Meeting
Tuesday, October 20		Sunday, October 25	
7:00pm	Session Meeting	9:00am	Education Hour (all ages)
Wednesday, October 21		10:30am	Worship Celebration
9:00am	Staff Meeting		
4:00pm	CAV Meeting		
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.

Apple Fest 2026! Join us today immediately following worship in the Hospitality Center. Apple everything! Apple cider, apple pie, apple bread, caramel and dips for apples and other apple goodies!

Our SOCK IT TO THEM “head to toe-let love show” campaign for Community Missions begins Sunday, October 11th—October 31st. Drop off your contributions of new socks, t-shirts, hoodies, and winter hats in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary. You may contribute money and we will purchase for you. Lets share comfort. Share hope. Share love. Please see Doyle Criswell with any questions.

Pathfinders Youth and the DFM team invite you to a hymn sing around the firepit next Saturday, October 24th, at 6:30pm. Come to the church lawn at Liberty & Mildred Streets, but a blanket or a lawn chair! We will make s’mores, drink hot chocolate or cider, sing camp songs and hymns and fellowship with friends. This activity is for the whole church: young and old, families and singles, even non-singers! Bring a friend!

It’s time to Rise and Shine the handbells on Thursday, October 29th, at 11am, as we polish and pizza! Old towels and white t-shirts greatly appreciated. Anyone is welcome to help. Please let Penny know if you can join in the fun.

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 next Sunday, October 25th, 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: Cheryle Fulbright, Austin Gregoryk.

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 –61; Nursery—4; Views—N/A.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
Last Sunday—General Offering—\$1,290; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$114; Loose—\$36; Hospitality Station—\$100.

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

Ushers for November: Gary Scott (head usher), Anne Portrey (counter), Tommy Morgan.

Worship Assistants October: 25th—Margaret Kursey

Worship Assistants November: 8th—Henry Christie; 22nd—Cy Staniec

CTPC Upcoming Events:

October 18th	Apple Fest following worship in the hospitality station
October 24th	CTP Women’s Group 10:00am Pathfinders Youth and DFM hymn sing around firepit 6:30pm
November 7th	Friendship Ministry Meal
November 17th	Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm
November 21st	CTP Women’s Group 10:00am at Panera
November 26th	Happy Thanksgiving /OFFICE CLOSED
November 27th	OFFICE CLOSED

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