*Sung Response *"We Lift Our Voices"* No. 710

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.

*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

*Song *"Great God of Every Blessing"* No. 694

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

*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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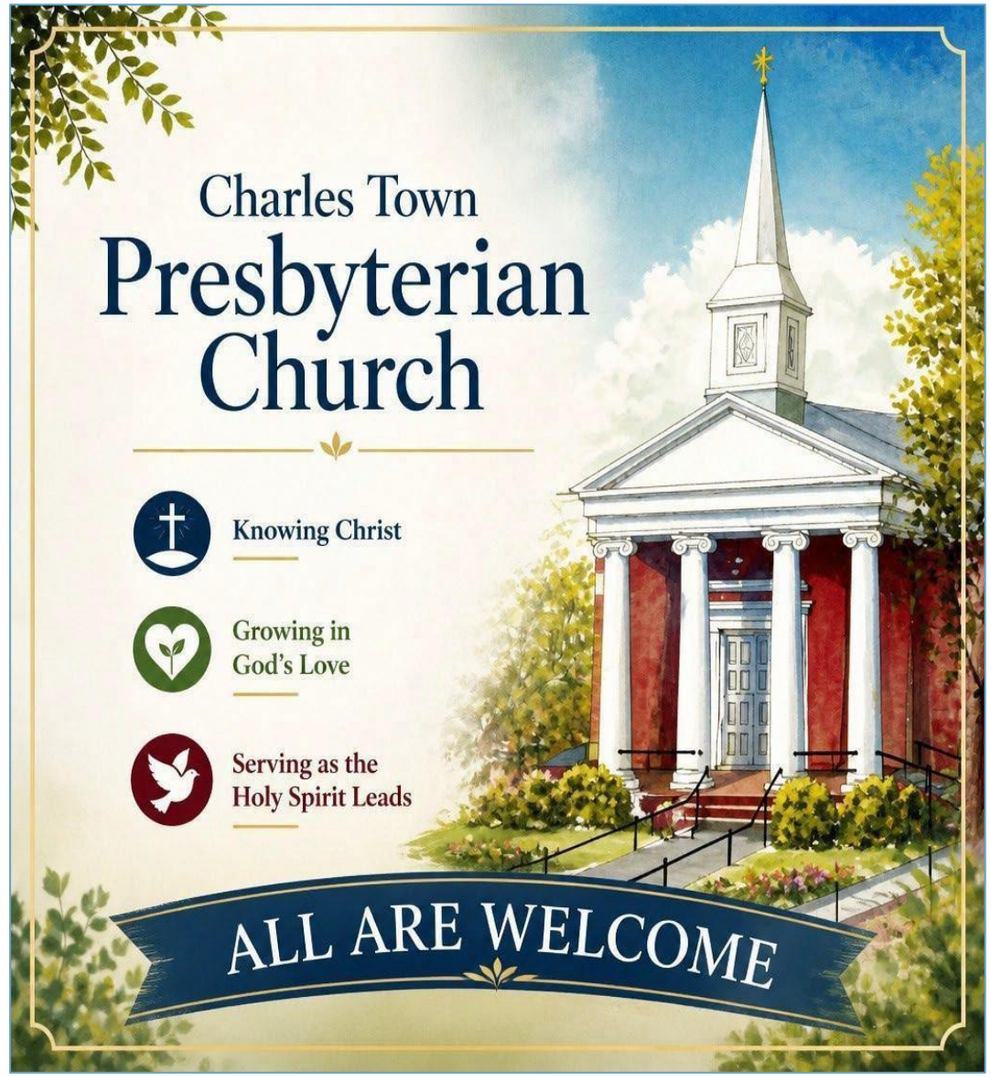

Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:30 AM
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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Little Prelude in C Major"* J.S. Bach
(© 1912 G. Schirmer, Inc.)
Rose Ann Glover

Call to Worship Psalm 27:1-4

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

*Song *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* No. 12

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You have come to live among us, yet we have failed to welcome you. You call us to rise up in Christ, yet we remain in the dust of death. Forgive us, God of grace. Like our brother Lazarus, unbind us and let us go, so that we may walk in newness of life; 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.

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.

*Sung Response to Confession
"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" No. 688 (vs. 1)

Children's Moment

Special Music *"The Call"*
(©2026 Hal Leonard) words & music Joseph M. Martin
Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"* No. 526

Scripture Haggai 2:10-19 p. 942

Message *"The Path to Blessing"* Pastor John

*Profession of Faith *"Apostles' Creed"* (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering *"Immortal, Invisible"* arr. Carol Tornquist
(©MCMZXIV New Spring Publishing)

The congregation 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.

"The Call" (today's special music)

Arise, the Lord is calling; His voice awakes the dawn.
The work of grace is waiting; go forth with spirits strong!
Prepare your hands for service, prepare your songs for praise.
Prepare your hearts for mission. Arise! Arise! Arise and run the race.
Arise, embrace the challenge, be bold in doing right.
Walk worthy of the calling; seek truth and live in light.
Be faithful in the journey, be strong and seize the day.
Serve Christ and trust His guidance; Church, arise!
Church, arise! God's Word will lead the way.
Rise up and go for the harvest is calling.
Stand firm in the faith, let your heart be strong.
Rise up, rise up, for the Spirit is falling.
One faith, one Lord, one voice, on song.
Arise, O Church, arise! Arise, arise!
Arise and find your purpose; find strength in Christ alone.
Embrace the cross He offers and give yourself to love.
Surrender all to Jesus; rest sure in His embrace.
Arise! Arise! Arise! Go change the world with grace.
Go change the world with grace! Arise! Arise! Arise!

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The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 1—Stewardship Sunday
9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration

Monday, November 2
Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)
7:30am A.A. Meeting
7:30pm A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, November 3
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting
7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, November 4
4:00pm CAV Meeting
7:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, November 5
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Friday, November 6
7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, November 7
12:00pm A.A. Event Planning Meeting
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal
7:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, November 8
9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
4:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

Today's Scripture Reading
Haggai 2:10-19

10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the
word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, 11 "Thus says the Lord of hosts:
Ask the priests about the law: 12 'If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his
garment and touches with his fold bread or stew or wine or oil or any kind of
food, does it become holy?'" The priests answered and said, "No." 13 Then Haggai
said, "If someone who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of
these, does it become unclean?" The priests answered and said, "It does become
unclean." 14 Then Haggai answered and said, "So is it with this people, and with
this nation before me, declares the Lord, and so with every work of their hands.
And what they offer there is unclean. 15 Now then, consider from this day
onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the Lord, 16 how
did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten.
When one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty.
17 I struck you and all the products of your toil with blight and with mildew and
with hail, yet you did not turn to me, declares the Lord. 18 Consider from this
day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that
the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid, consider: 19 Is the seed yet in the
barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have
yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you."

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.

Memorial poinsettias will be placed in our sanctuary this Advent and Christmas season. Call or email the church office by Wednesday, December 2nd, to sign up (304-725-5316 or ctpres@ctpres.org). Cost is $12.00, single stemmed. If you purchase a poinsettia, please remove it from the sanctuary after the service on the 24th. Thank you.

Children's Thanksgiving Offering. This Thanksgiving we ask you to remember children and families experiencing pain, hunger, hopelessness, separation from loved ones. The Apostle Paul teaches us that part of living together in community is reaching out to our brothers and sisters when they face hardships, temptation, or sorrow. Four ministries started by leaders in the Presbyterian Church serve our communities and address the needs of thousands of children each year. By participating in the Thanksgiving Offering Program, our congregation will sustain the valuable services provided by: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; Presbyterian Home & Family Services and the Family Alliance. The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected next Sunday, November 23rd. Note memo line "Thanksgiving offering". As always, thank you for your generosity.

Six-cents-a-meal offering will be collected on Sunday, November 22nd, to benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th. Happy Thanksgiving and have a safe holiday.

5th Sunday offering will be collected on Sunday, November 29th, to benefit the Pastor's Help Fund.

Greening the Sanctuary will be on Saturday, December 5th, at 10am. Kids welcome to decorate the Chrismon tree! Refreshments in the Hospitality Center. All are welcome!

Our Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for donations of hotdogs, rolls and plain tortilla chips for the Charles Town Christmas parade on Saturday, December 5th. We welcome your help as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade. This is a chance for us to greet the community and serve some free food. It is always a fun day! Please have donations to the church by Sunday, November 29th. Any questions please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411.

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: Laurel Odell, Matthew Henshaw.

Anniversaries this week: Marty & Carol Kable.

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 –59; Nursery—4; Views—N/A.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: $6,934.
Last Sunday—General Offering—$685; Designated Offering—Sunday School—$52; Hunger—$77;
On-Line Giving—General Offering--$3,046; Restore God's House--$110.

Ushers for November: Gary Scott (head usher), Anne Portrey (counter), Tommy Morgan.
Ushers for December: Matthew Henshaw (head usher), Gary Scott (counter), Anne Portrey.
Worship Assistants November: 22nd—Cy Staniec
Worship Assistants December: TBD

CTPC Upcoming Events:

November 1st	Stewardship Sunday
November 7th	Friendship Ministry Meal
November 17th	Life-Line Screening 8-5pm
November 21st	CTP Women's Group 10:00am at Panera
November 26th	Happy Thanksgiving /OFFICE CLOSED
November 27th	OFFICE CLOSED
December 5th	Greening the sanctuary for Christmas Season 10:00am
	Charles Town/Ranson Christmas Parade 2:00pm
	Friendship Ministry Meal 5:30pm
December 13th	Christmas Joy Service 3:00pm
December 21st	Longest Night Service 7:00pm
December 24th	OFFICE CLOSED
	Christmas Eve Family Service 5:30pm
December 25th	Merry Christmas—OFFICE CLOSED
December 31st	New Year's Eve—OFFICE CLOSED
January 1st	Happy New Year!!! — OFFICE CLOSED

For electronic giving, please scan here: