

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023  
10:30 AM

\*Sung Response “For the Life That You Have Given” No. 717  
(see screen)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Song “I Love to Tell the Story” No. 462

\*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.**

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

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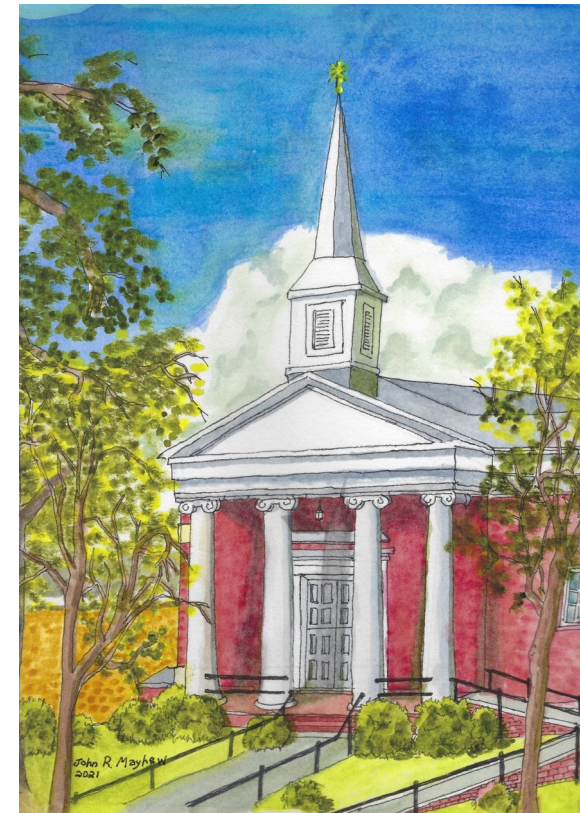
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**Today's Scripture Reading**  
**Acts 5:27-42**

<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup> But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup> And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup> For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup> After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup> So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup> but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup> and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup> And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

**The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, July 23**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
3-5:00pm Kid's Group

**Monday, July 24**

5:30-1:00pm Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri)  
5:00pm Prayer Group  
7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting  
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

**Tuesday, July 25**

7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

**Wednesday, July 26**

7:00pm CAV Meeting  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

**Thursday, July 27**

2:30pm FCHC  
5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal

**Saturday, July 29**

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
3-5:00pm Kid's Group

## 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.

**Our 2023 Vacation Bible School** was in full swing! We had a total of 31 students joining us for a fantastical journey through the cosmos, exploring all of the places where the light of Jesus shines. By the end of the week, our intrepid cadets were fully equipped to go out into the world and shine the light of Christ's love with everyone they meet!

**The Six-cents-a-meal offering**, will be collected today and goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to this offering please note on memo line: hunger offering. Thank you.

**Next Sunday, July 30th**, is 5th Sunday, the loose offering collected will go to the Pastor's Help Fund.

**Worship Help Needed**. We need help running the technology used in worship each week. We are seeking two or three people to help run the PowerPoint slides and the camera for our live broadcast. These are fairly simple tasks, and we provide training. Please speak with Pastor John or Roger Snook if you can help.

**Please join us at the Hospitality Station** on the third Sunday of each month immediately after worship for a Bagel Bar Brunch! If you or your Sunday School class would like to sponsor a 3rd Sunday brunch, a sign-up sheet is located on the piano in the sanctuary! May this time of fellowship give you an opportunity to discuss the sermon, upcoming activities, visit the library and take joy in the Lord! For more information see Penny Liston.

**Mission and Outreach**. Our Mission and Outreach Committee is involved in several projects, but we need assistance. Will you help with one of the following? Assisting with at least one Friendship Meal, which is served the first Saturday of each month; Writing letters or sending cards to our missionaries, shut-ins, and others in our church family; Leading or Assisting with our "Sock-It-To-Me" campaign to collect socks for the Jefferson County Community Ministries during November; Helping as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade. Please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411 or [doyle.criswell@att.net](mailto:doyle.criswell@att.net)

**Online giving** helps you to bring your offering before God. Money donated via any of the services listed here gets deposited to our church bank account. You can donate fee-free via Facebook or for a nominal fee, use the Presbyterian Foundation or PayPal. The Presbyterian Foundation fee does help the organization's mission, and you can easily use a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on Google Play/Apple AppStore) to set up for repeating or one time giving. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Donation options and tax information at [www.ctpres.org](http://www.ctpres.org). Thank you.

**The flower chart for 2023** is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

**Life Line Screening**, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Charles Town Presbyterian Church on Monday July 31, 2023. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque), Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Atrial Fibrillation, Osteoporosis Risk**. An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle. These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Informational flyers located in the narthex and bulletin boards. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Birthdays this week**: Patsy White, Judy Hockman, Bryan LaVallee, Rosalyn LaVallee, Gary Scott, Doyle Criswell, Howard Miller, Chris Damm, Katherine Hunt.

**Prayer 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 in Eswatini. Please keep these faithful servants in prayer. **Those persons admitted to the hospital or nursing home seeking a visit from Pastor John must have a family member make contact with the church office. HIPAA law prohibits hospitals from divulging their patient roster.**

**Last Sunday Worship**: In-person -78; Nursery-2; Virtual Views-99

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.  
General Offering: \$3,901; On-Line Giving—\$840; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$24; Loose—\$131; Facility Use—\$38; JJCM—\$5; Hunger—\$11, Help Fund—\$100, Roof Repair—\$500.

**Ushers for July**: Brooks Kursey (head), Kaz Feldstein (counter)

**Ushers for August**: Tommy Morgan (head), Alex Bethard (counter)

## **CTPC Upcoming Events**:

July 31st: Life Line Screening

**For electronic giving, please scan here:**

