

CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

10:30 AM



*Sung Response “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*” No. 708 (vs. 1)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “*Standing on the Promises*” No. 838

*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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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "In the Garden" arr. Suzanne Brantley
Pat Dick

Call to Worship Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands is sing for joy.**

*Song "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" No. 641

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all goodness, We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good— on the love, the compassion, the care— and ignore the bad— the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it. For give all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" No. 649 (vs. 1)

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children's Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music "Breaking the Bread" Allen Pote
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Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" No. 440

Scriptures Acts 6:8-15 p. 1086
Acts 7:54-60 p. 1088

Message "How to ACT Like Jesus—Finding Life" Pastor John

*Sung Response to Message

"That We May Act Like Jesus" (see screen)

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Break Thou the Bread of Life" arr. Tracey McKibben
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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.

Please share the peace of Christ with those in your immediate area.

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.

“Breaking the Bread” (today’s special music)

Breaking the bread, drinking the wine, sharing the meal together;
Living in love, following Christ, caring for one another.

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O God in heaven, hear us, we pray. Give us this day our daily bread.

O Lord forgive us, save us from evil.

For thine’s the kingdom, pow’r, and glory forever.

Breaking the bread, drinking the wine, sharing the meal together;
Living in love following Christ, caring for one another.

Breaking the bread, drinking the wine, sharing the meal together.
Living in love, following Christ as one in the Holy Spirit.

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Today’s Scripture Readings

Acts 6:8-15; Acts 7:54-60

⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

¹¹ Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, “We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.”

¹² So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. ¹³ They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. ¹⁴ For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.”

¹⁵ All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Notes:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 20

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
9:45am Choir
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Hospitality Station Bagel Brunch
3-5:00pm Kid’s Group

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

10:00am JCCM Meeting/Sanctuary
1:00pm Silver Bells
7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

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

Friday, August 25

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, August 26

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, August 27

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
9:45am Choir
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.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond Frazier and in honor of Ceil Frazier by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Please join us at the Hospitality Station immediately after worship for a Bagel Bar Brunch!

The Six-cents-a-meal offering, will be collected next Sunday, August 27th, and goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to this offering please note on memo line: hunger offering. Thank you.

Church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday, September 17, at 10:30am, for A Celebration of Faithfulness! A service of hymns and songs celebrating God's faithfulness! We hope you are able to join us as we recount God's faithfulness to CTPC and how we can respond in the coming year. A light reception will follow on the church lawn.

Recently the congregation received a mailing with 2024 pledge cards. We will be accepting the returned pledge cards through Sunday, September 17. Cards may be returned either by mail or in person to the church office or deposited in the gold box near the front of the sanctuary on Sundays.

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us on Saturday, October 28th, 4:30-7:00 pm, for fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked bean, desserts, and drinks provided. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries.

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.

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

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.

Meals-on-Wheels is in need of volunteers to help Monday–Friday for packing meals (8am-10am) and delivering meals (10am –Noon). We have five areas in Jefferson County that we deliver to and need drivers for all of them. Please call (304-725-1601) or stop by the kitchen of the Charles Town Presbyterian Church. We are open 8am-1pm.

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. Thank you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Mike Ishman, Jane Groves, Joe Hardy, Emily Rutherford, Laruen Fowler.

Anniversaries this week: Allen & Lazan Rogers, Peter & Signe Garms, Ron & Stephanie Rossi.

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 –84; Nursery-4; Virtual Views-70.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$4,501; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$74; Loose—\$116; Hunger—\$111; Help Fund—\$80.

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

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

CTPC Upcoming Events:

September 4th:	OFFICE CLOSED
September 10th:	Christian Education Sunday
September 17th:	Stewardship Sunday
September 17th & 24th:	Officer Training 11:30am
October 28th:	Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-7:00pm
October 29th:	Trunk or Treat 3-5:00pm
November 1st:	Life Line Screening 8-5:00pm

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