

# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023  
10:30 AM

\*Sung Response “Doxology” (see screen)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn “Come to the Table of Grace” No. 507

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

\*Hymn “Go with Us, Lord” No. 748

\*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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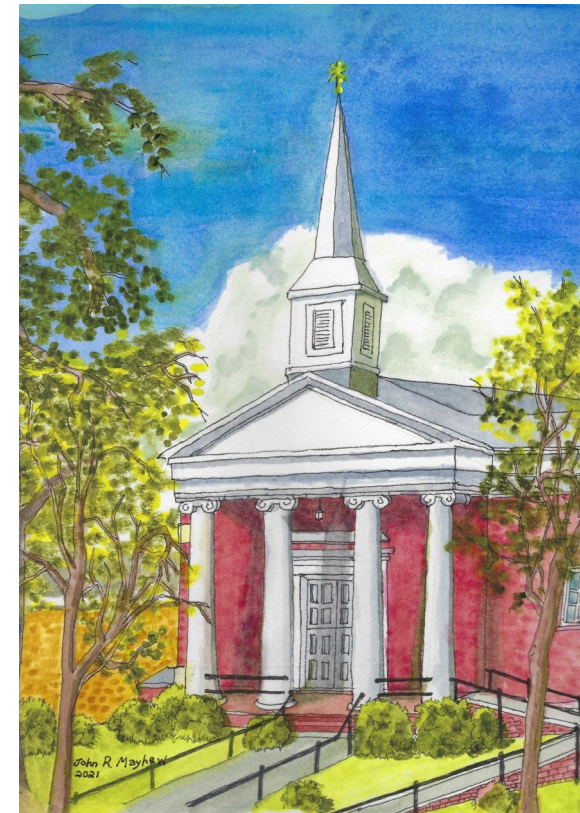
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*Please hold the bread and the cup and partake when directed, when all have been served. Gluten free bread is in the center of the tray.*

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

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*Please be sure to silence your cell phones*

*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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude      *"Prelude in F Major"*      J. S. Bach  
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Rose Ann Glover

Call to Worship      Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

\*Hymn      *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*      No. 15

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace.

Assurance of Pardon...

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

\*Sung Response to Confession  
*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*  
(see screen)

\*Passing of the Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Children's Moment      Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn      *"Spirit of the Living God"*      No. 288

Scripture      Acts 8:9-25      p. 1089

Message      *"How to ACT Like Jesus—Scamming the Spirit"*  
Pastor John

\*Sung Response to Message  
*"That We May Act Like Jesus"*      (see screen)

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

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering      *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*  
(© 2023 Augsburg Fortress) setting, W. L. Wold  
(As We Gather at Your Table; Son of God, Eternal Savior)  
Rose Ann Glover

*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.*

*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.*

**Notes:**

**Today's Scripture Reading**  
**Acts 8:9-25**

<sup>9</sup> But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. <sup>10</sup> They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." <sup>11</sup> And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup> saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." <sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup> You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." <sup>24</sup> And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

<sup>25</sup> Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

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

**Sunday, September 3**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:10am Morning Prayer in Library  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
3:00pm Kids Group

**Wednesday, September 6**

6:30pm Geneva Ringers  
7:00pm CAV Meeting  
7:15pm Choir  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

**Monday, September 4**

**OFFICE CLOSD**

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

**Thursday, September 7**

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

**Friday, September 8**

7:30am A.A. Meeting

**Tuesday, September 5**

1:00pm Silver Bells  
6:30pm A.A. District Meeting  
7:00pm Deacons Meeting

**Saturday, September 9**

5:30pm Friendship Ministry Meal  
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

**Sunday, September 10**

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
10:10am Morning Prayer in Library  
10:30am Worship Celebration  
11:30am Children's Choir  
3:00pm Kids 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 by the Faithweavers class.

**Our Christian sympathy** is extended to Mike Kursey and family upon the passing of his mother last week; and to the family of Jimmy LaRue, who passed away this past Monday. May God bless those who grieve.

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

**Weekly Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, September 13, at noon. We will begin studying the book of Joshua. Bible Study meets by Zoom and all are welcome. Contact Pastor John or the church office for the Zoom information.

**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.

**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.

**Free Books.** A small group has been working to re-organize the church library. It was decided that some of the books should be repurposed, so they will be displayed in the hall outside the library on Sundays, Sept 10, 17, and 24. Please feel free to take any books from the table you (or a member of your family) might use. Many of them are for young adult fiction readers but adults may enjoy those also. Any books remaining on the 25th will be taken away for another useful purpose.

**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.

**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)

**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. **Save the Date:** Saturday, October 7th, Meals-on-Wheels Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser at CTPC. Watch for more details.

**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.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Birthdays this week:** Mary Rider Kline, Connor Howard, Ken Hetzinger, Tammy Connors.

**Anniversaries this week:** Samuel & Rachel Wilson.

**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 -64; Nursery-4; Virtual Views-77.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.  
General Offering: \$1,928; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$88; Hunger—\$116; Christian Ed.—\$10.

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

**Ushers for October:** Debbie Henshaw (head), Sue Flanagan (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 1st:	World Communion Sunday
October 7th:	Meals-on-Wheels Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser
October 8th:	Blessing of the Animals at Zion Episcopal Church 2:00pm
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

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

