

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.

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

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Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "How Can I Keep from Singing" (© 2006 ThankYou Music) arr. Victor Labenske

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn "Take My Life" No. 697

*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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The Session

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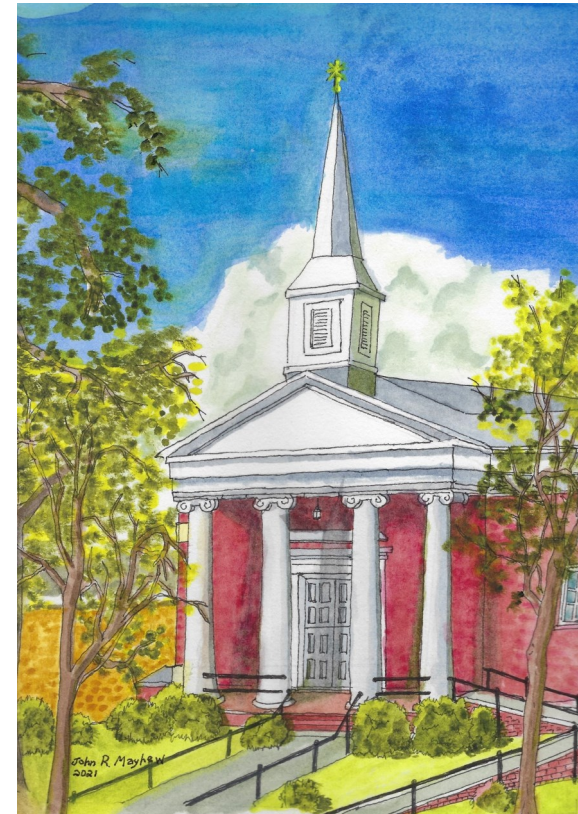
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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 10:30 AM



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Celebration of Faithfulness

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Declaration”* Jason W. Krug
(2023 Grassy Meadow Music)
Silver Bells

Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-4

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

**The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Great and Mighty God, giver of all good gifts, as we consider
all the wonderful ways you have blessed us, we confess that
we have fallen short. You have called us to stewardship over
creation and the blessings you give us, and all too often we
think of ourselves first, taking your gifts for granted. We
humbly seek your pardon, and ask for your Spirit to work in
us today and every day, to help us live in a way that honors
you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

*Hymn *“A Grateful Heart”* No. 652

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:19-21 Jeannette Tabb

Hymn *“Great God of Every Blessing”* No. 694

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27-31 Gordon Myers

Song *“Lay It All Down”* LUYH No. 92

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:16 Lynn Pechuekonis

Special Music *“Make My Life a Song”* Mary Rarden
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Glory Singers

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 6:17-19 Garth Stevens-Jennings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:1-4 Kathy Donadio

Hymn *“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”* No. 766

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-19 p. 1090

Message *“How to ACT Like Jesus—Redemption Surprise”*
Pastor John

*Sung Response to Message
“That We May Act Like Jesus” (see screen)

*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 humil-
ity, allowing us
to hear God
more clearly as
we worship.*

*The congrega-
tion responds in
song because
God hears our
prayer.*

*Prayer in
worship
connects us to
God and to one
another.*

“Make My Life a Song” (today’s special music)

You sang to me when first I breathed the holy breath of life;
You sang to me as faith took hold and grew within my soul;
You sing to me at ev’ry turn and in each new beginning;
I hear Your voice in the stillness of my heart.
Make my life a song, Creator of the music of the spheres;
Make my life a song, O Lord of sound and silence, of joy and tears.
A song of praise, a hymn of faith, an anthem of Your love;
Make my life a song.
I give to You my hopes and dreams, the ventures of my life;
I give to You the service that I offer in Your Name;
I live for You my future to unfold as You will choose;
I pray that I may walk beside You all my days.
Make my life a song, Creator of the music of the spheres;
Make my life a song, O lord of sound and silence, of joy and tears.
A song of praise, a hymn of faith, an anthem of Your love.
Make my life a song.

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Today’s Scripture Reading
Acts 9:1-19

9 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

NOTES:

The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 17—Stewardship Sunday

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Children’s Choir
11:30am Officer Training
3-5:00pm Kid’s Group

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

10:30am Prayer Group
1:00pm Silver Bells
7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

9:30am Staff Meeting
12:00pm Zoom Bible Study
6:30pm Geneva Ringers
7:00pm CAV Meeting
7:15pm Choir
8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, September 21

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

Friday, September 22

7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, September 23

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, September 24

9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
10:30am Worship Celebration
11:30am Children’s Choir
11:30am Officer Training
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.

A Celebration of Faithfulness! A service of hymns and songs celebrating God's faithfulness! We will recount God's faithfulness to CTPC and how we can respond in the coming year. A light reception will follow on the church lawn. Please join us.

For those who are ready to turn in their pledge cards, they can be dropped off in the baskets at either door of the sanctuary. Pledge cards can also be mailed into the church office or turned in over the next two Sundays.

Weekly Bible Study has resumed on Wednesday's, at noon. We are 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.

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 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.

The Six-cents-a-meal offering, will be collected on Sunday, September 24th, and goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to this offering please note on memo line: hunger offering. Thank you.

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. **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 in a simple, and secure way. You can choose from The Presbyterian Foundation, Facebook, or PayPal, each of which have a nominal fee that you can include as part of your gift. 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>).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: Louise Spitzer, Tiffany Burns, Kim Warbel, Wayne Thompson, David Weil.

Anniversaries this week: George & Jeannette Tabb, Gary & Ruth Scott.

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 –68; Nursery-0; Virtual Views-64.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$2,155; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$51; Loose—\$120; Help Fund—\$20; Facility Use—\$78.

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

Ushers for October: Debbie Henshaw (head), Sue Flanagan (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

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

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