

When directed, please come to the front of the sanctuary. The servers will tear off a small piece of bread and serve you. Please dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand and an elder will bring the elements to you. Please indicate to your server if you would like to receive gluten free bread

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

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*Sung Response “We All Are One In Mission” No. 733 (vs. 3)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*Song “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” No. 203
(refrain, vs. 2, refrain, vs. 3, refrain)

*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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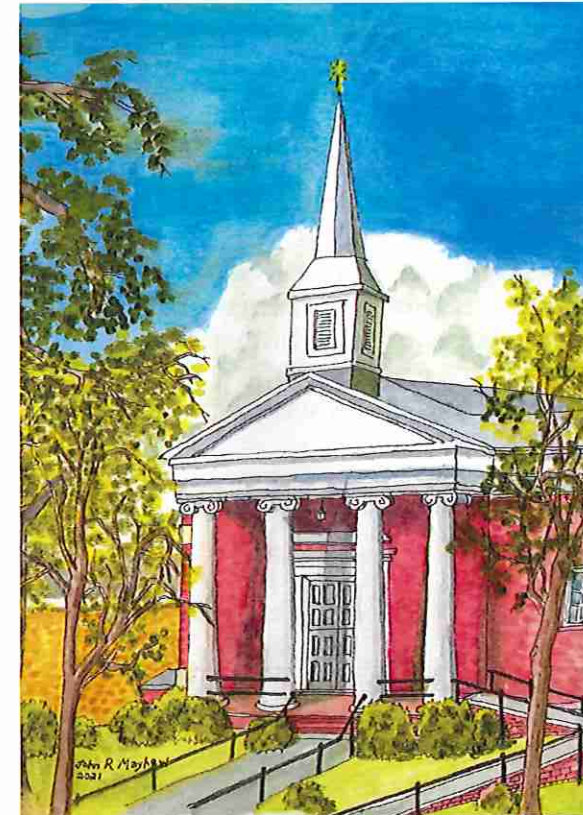
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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

10:30 AM



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Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Come, Let Us Worship God" Katie Houts
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Alleluia Singers & Glory Singers

Call to Worship Psalm 20:6-9

Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving
might of his right hand.

**Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.**

They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

O Lord, save the king!

May he answer us when we call.

*Song "Our God Is Mighty" LUYH No. 83
(refrain, vs. 1, refrain)

"Be Still and Know" LUYH No. 82

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, how often we forget that you are always with us. You see our secrets, you hear our hidden thoughts, you know everything about us. We are in continual need of your mercy. Shape us, O Lord, and direct our hearts towards you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

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

"Change My Heart, O God" No. 695

Children's Moment

Pastor John

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 366

Scripture Galatians 5:1-15 p. 1157

Message "Real Freedom" Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
(©2013 Alfred Music) arr. Cindy Berry

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

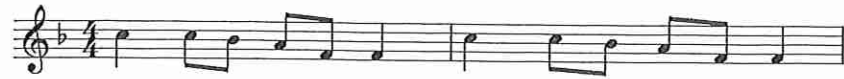
Prayer in worship connects us to God and to one another.

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.

Come, Let Us Worship God



Leader: Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God.



Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God.



Wel - come ev - 'ry - one... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one



to the love of God. to the love of God.

2. Food for the hungry...
3. Rest for the weary...
4. Hope for the children...
5. Come, let us worship God...

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The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 20

- 9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
- 10:30am Worship Celebration
- 11:30am Geneva Ringers
- 2:30-4:00pm Youth Group
- 4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 12:00pm Basic Music
- 1:00pm Silver Bells
- 2:00pm Percussion
- 7:00pm DFM Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 23

- 12:00pm Bible Study -Zoom
- 7:00pm CAV Meeting
- 7:00pm Glory Singers
- 8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, October 24

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

Friday, October 25

- 7:30am A.A. Meeting

Saturday, October 26

- 5:30-7:00pm Combined Trunk or Treat CTBC
- 8:00pm A.A. Meeting

Sunday, October 27

- 9:00am Education Hour (all ages)
- 10:30am Worship Celebration
- 11:30am Geneva Ringers
- 2:30-4:00pm Youth Group
- 4:00-5:30pm Kids Group

Today's Scripture Reading Galatians 5:1-15

5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. **3** I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. **4** You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. **5** For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. **6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? **8** This persuasion is not from him who calls you. **9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump. **10** I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. **11** But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. **12** I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **14** For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **15** But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Session News

The session met in person for their regularly scheduled stated meeting on Tuesday, October 16. Here are the highlights from that meeting:

- Heard an update from the Discipleship and Family Ministries committee, including the upcoming Trunk or Treat activity we are doing with Charles Town Baptist on **Saturday, October 26**.
- The Finance committee presented an overview of the capital campaign finances. Due to the extraordinary number of significant this year, there was confusion about what was a capital campaign expense and what was general repair. That has been clarified to the satisfaction of the session.
- The session reviewed the proposed 2025 terms of call for the pastor and has called a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, November 3 to present the terms of call to the congregation.
- During the property report the session discussed the status of the overnight shelter and how our facility is equipped to meet the needs of the people we are helping.
- Stewardship and Vision reported that they are reviewing stewardship Sunday and looking forward to doing something highly creative in 2025. With the Mission and Outreach committee, Stewardship and Vision are hoping to host a chili cookoff in the winter.
- Approved a recommendation for Christmas Eve worship to be held at 5pm, with candle-lighting and communion. The committee also presented revised dates for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which the session approved. The sacrament will be celebrated throughout advent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Congratulations to Garth and AhnnaLise Stevens-Jennings on the birth of Emory, on October 14th, weight of 4 pounds 15 ounces and 18.75 inches long.

This year Charles Town Baptist Church has asked us to join their Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 26th. Our youth and all those who are 'young at heart' will gather in their church parking lot with decorated trunks AND candy. The cars from CTPC will park together and display cards on their trunks saying 'Charles Town Presbyterian Church' with our address and times for Sunday School and Worship. We hope to see you in the parking lot of CT Baptist Church for this community Trunk or Treat. The event will be from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. We would like a count of how many cars will participate, please text Marsha Dibbern at 304-671-9715 or email marshadib@juno.com if you plan to take a car. Christian or autumn theming preferred.

The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 3rd, immediately following worship for the purpose of acting on the 2025 terms of call for the pastor. Copies of the terms of call are available in the narthex.

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.

Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table! The central Sacrament of our faith is Holy Communion. Preparation for this holy experience requires the hands and hearts of those willing to serve at the Lord's Table by preparing it for celebration of the Sacrament. We need your help! If you feel called to Serve the Lord by Serving at His Table please contact Lazan Rogers or any member of the Worship Team or the church office.

The Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee is seeking an additional attendant for our nursery. This is a paid position to be filled on Sunday mornings from 10:00AM-12:00 noon. We are looking for a Christian individual, 18 years or older, who loves and respects children and is able to provide for their care during the time that parents or caregivers are worshiping. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who would be a good fit for this position. ctpres@ctpres.org.

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>).

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.

A nursery is available for children ages 2-5. Please see an usher if you want more information.

The flower chart for 2024 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.



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: Saige Bethard, Mary Day, Daniel Hart, Lari MacKenzie, Vicki Burns.

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 -101; Nursery-4; Virtual Views-372

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934.
General Offering: \$2,530; Designated Offerings: Sunday School-\$39; Loose-\$134; Facility Use-\$75; Restore God's House-\$100.

Ushers for October: Brooks Kursey (head), Debbie Henshaw (counter)

Ushers for November : Kaz Feldstein (head), Alex Bethard (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

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| October 26th: | Combined Trunk or Treat at CT Baptist 5:30-7:00pm |
| November 3rd: | Congregational Meeting following worship |
| November 6th: | Life Line Screening 8:00am-5:00pm |
| November 10th: | New Member Class 9:00am- parlor |
| November 17th: | Reception of New Members during worship |
| November 28th: | OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving |
| November 29th: | OFFICE CLOSED |
| December 1st: | Advent Festival/Decorate church after worship |
| December 7th: | Charles Town Christmas parade 2:00pm |
| December 15th: | Christmas Joy Service 3:00pm |
| December 21st: | Longest Night Service 7:00pm |
| December 24th: | Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm |
| December 25th : | Merry Christmas—OFFICE CLOSED |
| December 26th: | OFFICE CLOSED |
| January 1st: | OFFICE CLOSED |



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