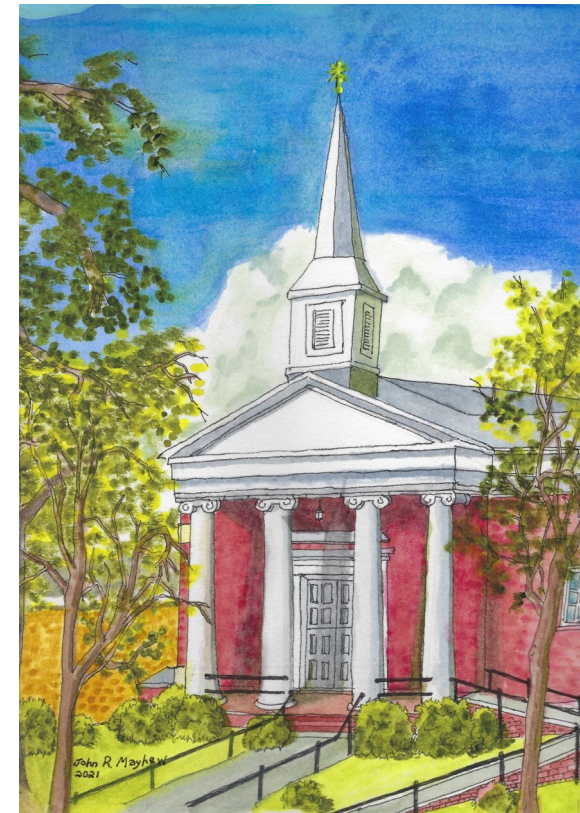


# CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025  
10:30 AM



\*Sung Response

*“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”* No. 248 (vs. 3)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Song

*“To God Be the Glory”*

No. 634

\*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.**

\*Postlude

*“Lift High the Cross”*

(2018 Hope Publishing)

Geneva Ringers

Lloyd Larson

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

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*” Douglas Wagner  
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Call to Worship Psalm 36:7-10

The stone the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone. The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering  
yet we considered him punished by God, and  
afflicted.**

The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**For I know that my redeemer lives, and that at the  
last he will stand upon the earth.**

Look! For the place where he lay is empty!

**He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

\*Song “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” No. 232

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue  
to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we  
hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all,  
yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God  
of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the  
wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life  
you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

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

\*Sung Response to Confession

“*The Day of Resurrection*” No. 233 (vs. 2)

Children’s Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music

“*Just Because He Lives*” arr. Joel Raney

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Song

“*In The Bulb There Is a Flower*” No. 250

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

p. 1051

Message

“*Ok...Now What?*”

Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

“*Is He Worthy?*” arr. Heather Sorenson

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Glory Singers

*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.*

*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.*

**“Is He Worthy?”** (today’s special music)  
 Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**  
 Do you feel the shadow deepen? **We do.**  
 But do you know that all the dark won’t stop  
 the light from getting through? **We do.**  
 Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**  
 Is all creation groaning? **It is.**  
 Is a new creation coming? **It is.**  
 Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**  
 Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
 Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
 The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
 He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
 Is he worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?**

Is he worthy of this? **He is.**  
 Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**  
 Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**  
 And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? **He does.**  
 Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
 Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
 The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
 He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
 From ev’ry people and tribe, ev’ry nation and tongue,  
 He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
 Is he worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all this? He is.  
 Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is.**

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## The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

### **Sunday, April 20**

6:30am Community Sunrise Service at  
 Jefferson Memorial Park  
 9:00am Education Hour (all ages)  
 10:30am Worship Celebration

### **Monday, April 21**

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

### **Wednesday, April 23**

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

### **Thursday, April 24**

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

### **Friday, April 25**

7:30am A.A. Meeting

### **Saturday, April 26**

8:00pm A.A. Meeting

### **Sunday, April 27**

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

## **Today’s Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12**

**24** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

## **NOTES:**

## 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.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be collected on Resurrection Sunday, April 20th. The OGH offering is used to assist people in suffering and in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People program.

**For those interested** the property team will have an update in the May newsletter.

**It's coming up fast!** The annual **World Vision 6K Walk for Water** will occur on May 17! This year with the cutting of USAID funds, we feel it's even more important to support this cause for clean water. Doyle Criswell will be heading up this program, as CTPC participates in it for the fourth year. If you feel that you can not walk, would you please consider supporting one of the individuals who have signed up or at least the team? Please go to <https://global6k.worldvision.org/>

1) Click on the "Sign up for 2025" to join the team and enter Charles Town Water Walkers for the team OR

2) Click on the "Donate" button and find Charles Town Water Walkers to donate

3) If you sign up, please consider contacting your friends/family and asking if they would support you. Just follow the same instructions as #2 and once you have signed up, they should be able to find your name in the dropdown menu.

Lastly walkers, don't forget to express your appreciation to your sponsors. It means so very much for them to hear the progress report. If they didn't care, they wouldn't have supported you!

**Mark your calendars!** Yokefellows BBQ Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, May 24th, 4:30-6:30pm. Fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked beans with drink provided. See any Yokefellow for tickets. Adults-\$15, Children under 12 years-\$7; children 5 years and under-Free. Proceeds go to church ministries.

**Mark your calendars!** Vacation Bible School to be held Monday, July 7th—Thursday, July 10th, 9am—Noon. **True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.** This VBS is written as an Alaskan Adventure and will include Northern Lights, majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. **True North** focuses on Jesus as a guiding light, helping kids build a rock-solid foundation in their faith. Pass on these dates to your friends and relatives. Let us know if you would be willing to help. Contact Marsha Dibbern (304-671-9715 or [marshadib@juno.com](mailto:marshadib@juno.com)) or Garth Stevens-Jennings ([garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org](mailto:garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org).)

**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 Beth Pugh or any member of the Worship Team or the church office.

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

**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](mailto:ctpres@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.

**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) (<http://www.ctpres.org>).

**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:** Deborah Gregory.

**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—89; Nursery—3; Virtual Views—N/A.

**Weekly Congregational Giving** Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering—\$1,915; Designated Offering—Sunday School—\$19; Loose—\$162; Help Fund—\$20; Restore God's House—\$200; Lilies—\$190; Hospitality Station—\$100; World Vision Water Walk—\$25.

**Ushers for April:** Judy Edwards (head), Gary Scott (counter), Bob Tansill

**Ushers for May:** Ruth Scott (head), Gary Scott (counter)

### **CTPC Upcoming Events:**

May 17th	World Vision 6K Walk for Water
May 24th	Yokefellows BBQ Fundraiser Dinner 4:30-6:30pm
May 26th	OFFICE CLOSED-Memorial Day
July 7th-10th	Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon



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