

At Charlestown United Protestant Church we seek to be a family. It is our desire to **Reach out with the God's love** as His ambassadors to a broken and hurting world.

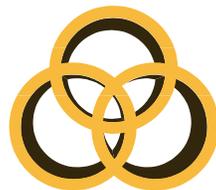
The Good News we have to share is that God loves us and He sent Jesus to die for our sins. By His grace, through faith, we are completely forgiven and given a new standing before God. As a result we **Celebrate life in Jesus Christ.**

We invite you to join us as we minister together as the body of Christ to the residents of Charlestown, their families, the staff and the community surrounding us. We desire to know God and make Him known.

We do this through the preaching of the Word of God and administration of the sacraments of communion and baptism as we exhort one another to live holy lives. We conduct various services, support missionaries, and provide Bible studies, prayer times, fellowship, ministries, visitation, and counseling.

We are excited that God has brought us together as a community of believers from various backgrounds, walks of life, and denominations. As it says in 1 Corinthians 10:17, "We, who are many, are one body." We all share a common bond through our personal faith in Jesus Christ.

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### What we believe

We unite as the Family of God under the banner of the Apostles' Creed.

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe...

in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
who was

conceived by the Holy Spirit;  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;  
the third day He arose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in...

the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

### How to become a member?

If you desire to become a member of Charlestown United Protestant Church, you do so in the following ways:

- *Letter of transfer* from another church where you were an active communing member prior to moving to Charlestown;
- *Reaffirmation of faith* for persons whose membership in another church has lapsed and they want to renew their Christian vows;
- *Profession of faith and Christian baptism* into the visible Body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are two kinds of membership from which you may choose:

- *Full Membership* entitles you to all the rights and privileges of our church.
- *Affiliate Membership* is for those persons who wish to retain membership in their former church. At the same time, they will enjoy all the rights and privileges as a member of our church. (This status of membership is only available to Charlestown residents.)

If you are interested in joining, please request and obtain a membership application from the pastoral care office. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have about membership and our congregation. You may contact the Pastoral Care office at 410-247-3400, ext. 6018530.