



CONCORD LIBERTY

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

"Come as Visitors - Leave as Friends - Return as Family"

To talk to someone about a particular area of ministry, please call the church office, (610) 358-2105 and Mary Ann, our church secretary, will direct your call to one of the Leaders, Directors, or Pastor below.

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If you have any concerns or questions about our church please feel free to contact any of our session elders listed below.

CLPC Session

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| Beth Berstecher | Worship |
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| Judy McCleary | Discipleship |
| Tom McGrail | Outreach, Communications, Missions |
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| Marian Spor | Congregational Care |
| Brenda Wilson | Discipleship |

CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon
Betty Culver

Denise Jingoian
Dave Lengel

Kim Lengel
Connie O'Donnell

Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon
InnerChange
Skip and Carol Tobin, VMM
Chester Eastside Inc.
Carolyn & Dan Hennings,
World Impact
Michele Rickett — She is Safe
David & Bethany Wilkinson,
Chop Point

Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project
Jacob & Hosanna Thomas, VMM
City Team - Chester
Cornerstone Christian Academy
Young Life of Delaware County
Greenhouse Project
Delaware County Pregnancy Center
Doug Dicks, PCUSA's Regional Mission
in Israel-Palestine

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 30, 2025



CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

March 30th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
 10:00 am Worship Service
 10:00 am Nursery Care — Laurie Cannon, Betsy Saggese
 10:00 am KOTM Pre-school and Elementary

MONDAY

March 31st

LOVE AND LEARN — NO SCHOOL
 4:00 pm Library Committee Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY

April 1st

11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class, Sanctuary until 1 pm
 4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (Library)
 7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)
 7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

April 2nd

11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class, Sanctuary until 1 pm
 1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Time, Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)

THURSDAY

April 3rd

12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, Sanctuary
 7:15 pm Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study, Members' Homes

FRIDAY

April 4th

Women's Ministry — set-up for April 5 event (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY

April 5th

9:00 am Women's Ministry — Breakfast with Julie Henning (Sanctuary)

CONCORD LIBERTY HIGHLIGHTS

WORSHIP

To view live or recent worship services, please go to the Concord Liberty YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@concordlibertychurch19342/streams>
 You may also access it from the Concord Liberty home page by clicking on the **CLICK HERE** button.

To view a recent sermons only, go to the CLPC website — under Worship, select Services and Sermons. Then choose the date/sermon you wish to view and click on the link provided.

Nursery service will be offered during Worship. If you need nursery service on Sunday morning, please let a Greeter know and they will assist you.

STEPHEN MINISTERS - If you are going through a difficult time, or you know of someone who is facing difficulties, consider a caring relationship of a Stephen Minister. To learn more contact, Sylvia Schaffer or Joann Smith.

PRAYER CHAIN — Prayer requests for the emailed prayer chain should be sent to office@concordliberty.org.

DEACONS AND SESSION MAILBOXES are located in the Berstecher Library.

WORSHIP DETAILS — Any schedule changes to worship service roles (KOTM, communion, tellers, etc.) should be sent to office@concordliberty.org at least a week in advance of the respective service date.



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| April 5 | Sydney Babylon | April 28 | Dave Lengel |
| April 8 | Nathan Lengel | April 29 | Christian Forti |
| April 20 | Carol Nickey | April 30 | Dee Wilkinson |
| April 23 | Betty Culver | | |

Sermon Notes

MARCH 30, 2025

I. Wake Up!

Revelation 3:1-6

The Church at Sardis

A. A tale of two cities.

1. The word Sardis is a plural noun and the city of Sardis was made up of two cities, one in the valley and one on the high peak and plateau above it.
 - a. The river that ran through the valley was, in ancient times, apparently, rich in gold. Under its famous King Croesus, it became astoundingly wealthy and, because of its location on the high peak, nearly impregnable.
2. Despite its advantageous location, Sardis would be captured and fall twice, once to the Persians under Cyrus and later to a regional ruler, Antiochus.
 - a. In both battles, they were defeated because they failed to maintain a guard at the top of the peak.

B. "I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up!"

1. Just as the city had fallen asleep on the watch, the church had also fallen asleep.
2. Jesus, "who holds the seven Spirits of God (Isaiah 11:2) and the seven stars" (the seven churches) calls on them to repent (v. 3).
 - a. They have been careless and failed to finish the work that God has called them to do.
 - b. They have been resting on their reputation of being alive when, according to Jesus, they are dead (vv. 1-2).
 - c. There is no mention of heresies or challenges from false leaders/teachers. They have deteriorated from within, from their own sin of lethargy. Remember and repent (v. 3).
3. Consequences.
 - a. I will come like a thief when you least suspect (v. 3). Just like what happened in their city's history.
4. A word to the faithful (those without soiled clothes - v. 4).
 - a. "They will walk with me, dressed in white for they are worthy" (v. 4).
 - b. This may be a reference to the white robe of their baptism and indicate Jesus' continuing celebration of the faithful as our Mediator before the Father (v. 5).

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply
Bev Massey, Worship Leader
David Steel, Service Leader

Lent



Silent Preparation

The burden of humankind was so heavy for God that God had to endure the Cross. God truly bore the burden of all in the body of Jesus Christ. But God bore them as a mother carries her child, as a shepherd enfolds the lost lamb that has been found. God took humans upon himself and they weighted God to the ground, but God remained with them and they with God. In bearing with humankind God maintained fellowship with them. It is the law of Christ that was fulfilled in the cross. And Christians must share in this law. They must suffer their brothers and sisters, but what is more important, now that the law of Christ has been fulfilled, they can bear with their brothers and sisters.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Congregation is requested to stand if able.
Please adjust all electronic devices so as to not interrupt the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Theme from Piano Concerto No. 2"
Sergei Rachmaninoff

LEADER: Let us join in worshiping the Lord our God.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 32)

LEADER: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to You, O Lord. You are a hiding place for us. You preserve us from trouble and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

PEOPLE: **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

LEADER: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, or else it will not stay near you. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. Come, let us worship our God.

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**
"The Family of God"
No. 282

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN**
"Blessed Assurance"
No. 345

***THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** (responsively)

LEADER: In all things, O Lord, we give You thanks.

PEOPLE: **For You have given all things into our hands.**

LEADER: We give these gifts to You with joy, in the hope that our gratitude may shine through them as blessings in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
No. 625

SCRIPTURE
Revelation 3:1-6

THE MESSAGE
"Wake Up!"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**
"Peace Like a River"
No. 498

BLESSING AND SENDING

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
"Lift High the Cross"
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
'Til all the world adore His sacred name.

POSTLUDE
"Peace Like a River" (reprise)

We invite you, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.