



CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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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.

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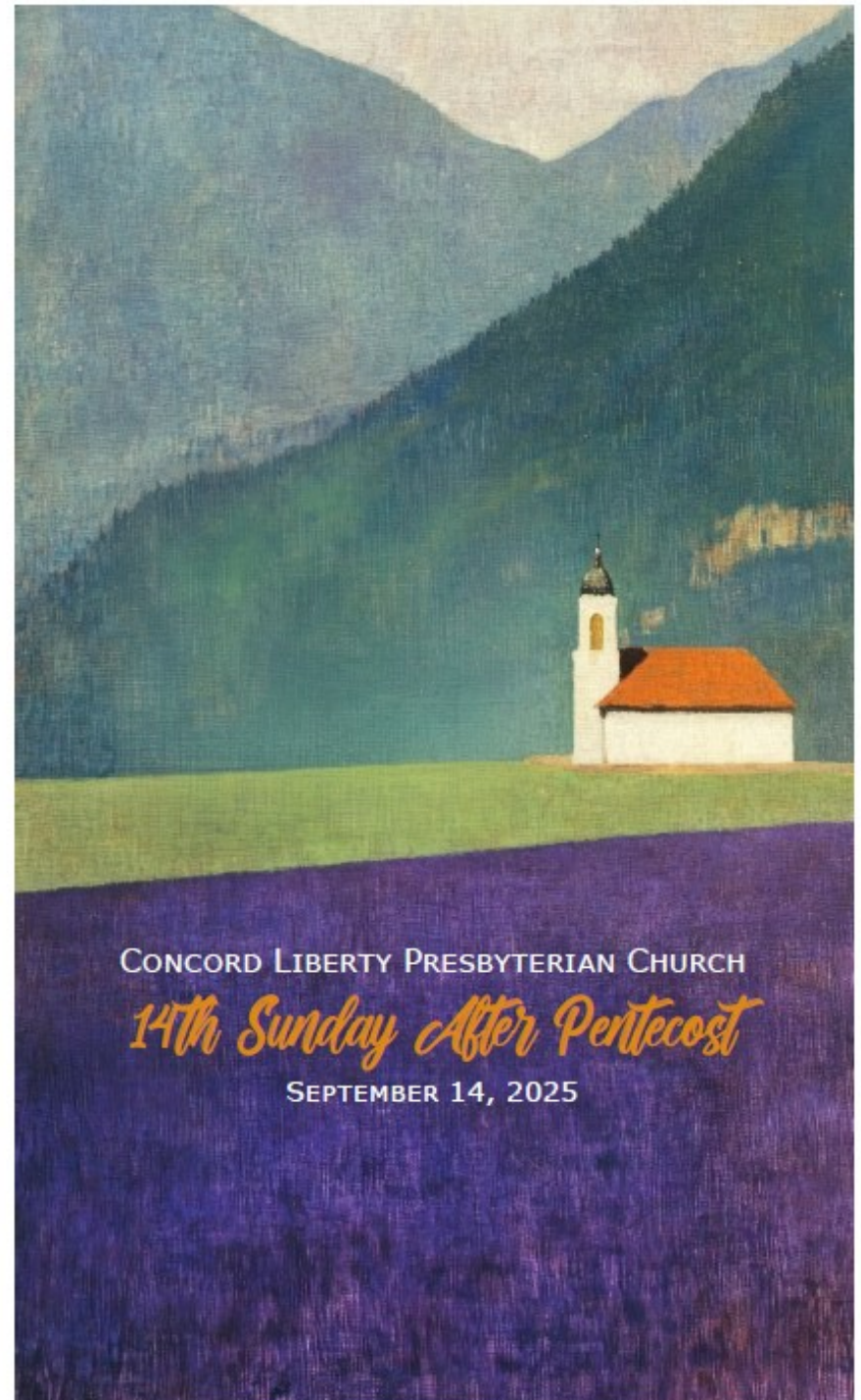
Denise Jingoian
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Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon
InnerChange
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14th Sunday After Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

September 14th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
10:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am KOTM Elementary — Beth Berstecher, Cheri Bates
10:00 am KOTM Preschool — Lynn Lista
10:00 am Nursery Care — Jackie Asteris, Laurie Cannon
11:00 am Deacons Meeting (Library)

MONDAY

September 15th

7:30 am Nominating Committee (Zoom)

TUESDAY

September 16th

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

September 17th

1:00 pm Wednesday Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
4:30 pm Confirmation/Commissioning Class (Library)
6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Library)

THURSDAY

September 18th

12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY

September 19th

SATURDAY

September 20th

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 sermon 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.

If you are dropping off anything in the office, please don't leave items without a note! Leave a short note telling us who the item is for, what you'd like to have done with it, and your name — in case we have questions. A great place to leave notes is in mailboxes in the 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.

WELCOME VISITORS! — Please take time to fill out a "comment card" located in seat back pockets — tell us about your interests! We'll add you to our email distribution list!

REMINDER: LOVE AND LEARN IS IN SESSION!

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING TO:

- Not "drop in" to the Worship Center during school hours M-F 9-3! (Call the office in advance to schedule your visit if 9-3 hours are essential.)
- When you are in the Worship Center during school hours, **NOT** parking in the lot closest to the school/narthex doors! (Parents line-up there, and children have recess there.)
- **NEW THIS YEAR** — When you are in the Worship Center during school hours, sign-in upon entry, and sign-out when you leave. Sign-in sheets are in the narthex (Door 1) and in the preschool entry (door 2) — use either one!

Sermon Notes

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

I. A Brief Personal Testimony

I Timothy 1:12-17

A. Coming down the homestretch.

1. This is one of three pastoral letters that Paul wrote after his first imprisonment in Rome.
 - a. They are referred to as pastoral because they are written to pastors (Timothy and Titus), not because the content is focused on the pastoral care aspect of ministry.
2. After leaving prison, Paul sends Timothy to Ephesus to focus on the needs of the church there while he accompanies Titus to the island of Crete. He has Titus remain at Crete while he travels on to Macedonia (northern Greece) to visit the churches there. It is from there (possibly Philippi) that I Timothy and Titus are sent. II Timothy will be sent from Paul's second and final imprisonment in Rome.
3. As he writes to these pastors, he gives them instructions and directives for fighting heresy, details on church government and worship, the priority and nature of the scriptures, and a host of other subjects and relationships.
4. Paul is aware that his ministry will soon be nearing completion and he wants to encourage the next generation of leadership to build on the foundation of his ministry and that of the other apostles. He does this in a very unsystematic manner, jumping back and forth from one topic to another.

B. The Oscar for sinners.

1. There is no doubt that what is foremost for Paul is that everything begins and ends with the overwhelming gift of the grace of God. Everything else in the letter has to be considered in the context of God's initiative of grace in our lives.
2. Paul affirms this by giving a brief testimony to what has happened in his life (vv. 12-17).
3. Timothy has heard this before, but that doesn't stop Paul from repeating the basics in these two paragraphs.
4. Major points.
 - a. It begins with God's choice and action. "He considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service" (v. 12).
 - b. Even for the worst of sinners, "a blasphemer, a persecutor and violent man" (v. 13).
 - c. The gift of grace outruns even the worst of sin. "I was shown mercy in the face of ignorance and disbelief" ... "The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly" (vv. 13-14).
 - d. Along with the gift of eternal life comes the gifts of "faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (v. 14).
 - e. Paul, as well as Timothy and us, become living object lessons through which Christ "displays his immense patience as an example of those who would believe in him and receive eternal life" (v. 16).
 - f. Finishes with a prayer of blessing. "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

C. Preceding today's text, in 1:5, Paul summarizes his goal for his and Timothy's ministry.

"The ultimate aim of the Christian minister is to produce the love which springs from a pure heart, a good conscience and a genuine faith." -- J.B. Phillips New Testament

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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Silent Preparation

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, and who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From A Guide to Prayer for Ministers & Other Servants

*Congregation is requested to stand if able.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as to not interrupt the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Largo from Dvořák Symphony No. 9

LEADER:

Let us join in worshipping the Lord our God.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Jeremiah 29:11-14a)

LEADER: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

PEOPLE: **Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me and I will listen to you.**

LEADER: You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

"We Will Glorify"
No. 72

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**

"O for a Thousand Tongues"
No. 76 (vs. 1-3)

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

LEADER: We give You, Lord, what is Your own.

PEOPLE: **All that we have, though different in each home and person, is a trust from Your gracious hand.**

LEADER: May we be faithful stewards as we share these blessings to be a blessing for the sake of Your kingdom. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

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

SCRIPTURE

I Timothy 1:12-17

THE MESSAGE

"A Brief Personal Testimony"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"To God be the Glory"
No. 66

BLESSING AND SENDING

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"On Eagle's Wings"

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory" (reprise)