



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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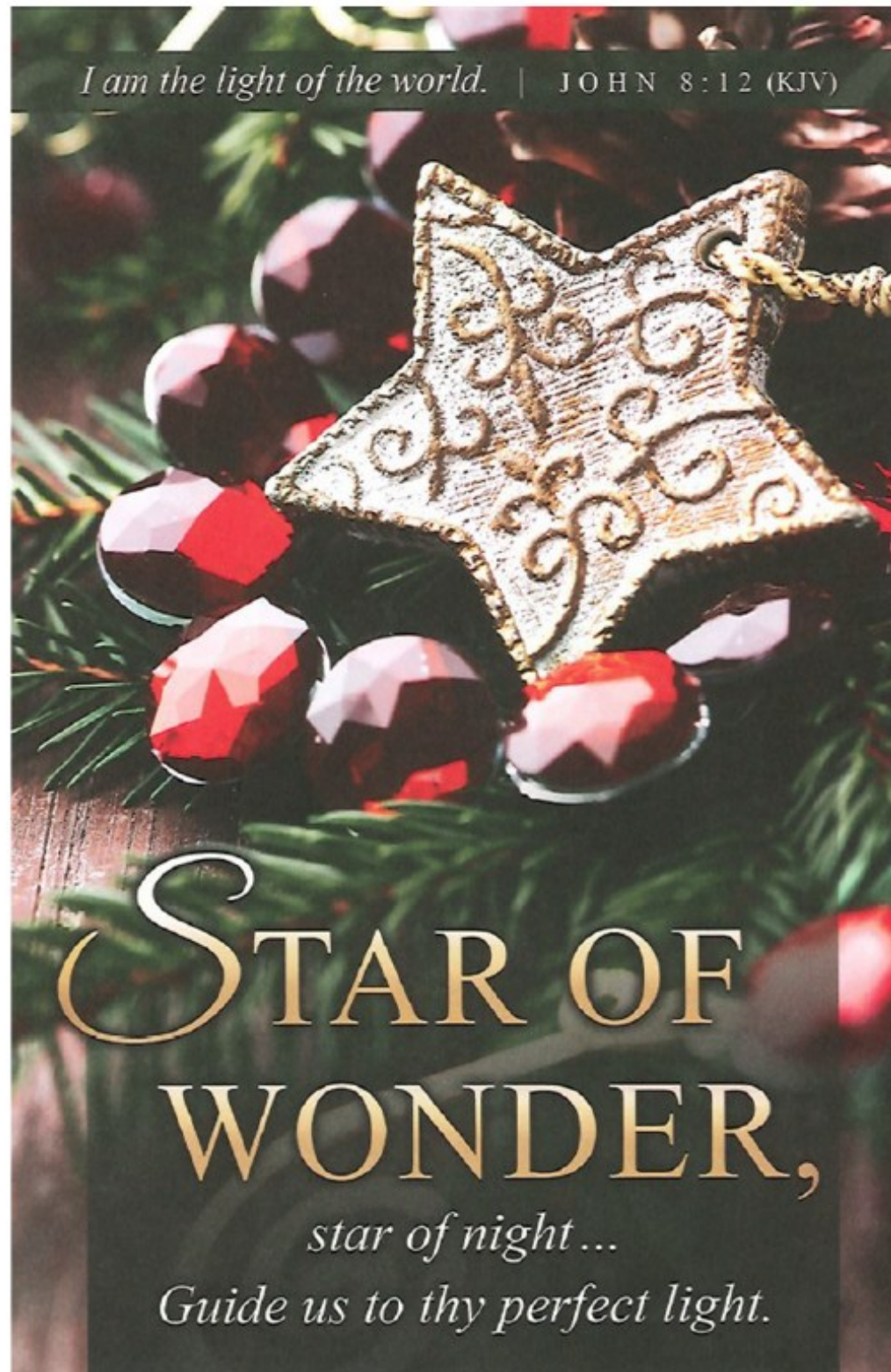
Kim Lengel  
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### Pray for our missionaries:

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  
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Cornerstone Christian Academy  
Young Life of Delaware County  
Greenhouse Project  
Delaware County Pregnancy Center  
Dr. Rao, SNHEA, India

*I am the light of the world.* | JOHN 8:12 (KJV)



# STAR OF WONDER,

*star of night...*

*Guide us to thy perfect light.*

# CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

December 7th

- 9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
- 10:00 am Worship Service, Communion
- 10:00 am KOTM Elementary — Connie Marchese, Marcia Bickley
- 10:00 am Preschool — Lynn Lista
- 10:00 am Nursery Care — Sandy Mueller, Betsy Saggese
- 11:00 am Garden Club Kick-off Meeting (Library)

## MONDAY

December 8th

- 9:00 am- Love and Learn Bible Studies (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm
- 7:30 pm Nominating Meeting (Zoom)

## TUESDAY

December 9th

- 9:00 am- Love and Learn Bible Studies (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm
- 7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY

December 10th

- 1:00 pm Wednesday Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Library)

## THURSDAY

December 11th

- 7:15 pm Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study (members' homes)

## FRIDAY

December 12th

## SATURDAY

December 13th

# 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## *Sermons for Advent and Christmas*



December 14, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
"Glory to God in the Highest Heaven", Luke 2:8-20

December 21, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
"There Are Angels Hovering 'Round Us", Matthew 1:18-25

December 24, Christmas Eve  
"Silent Night, Holy Night", Luke 2:25-33

December 28, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
"A Christmas Story"

## The Order for the Worship of God

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Ten o'clock a.m.

### Silent Preparation

*If the Prophecy Candle on the Advent wreath urges us to listen, the message of the Bethlehem Candle might well be, "Prepare!" It's a word most of us are familiar with as these days before the Christmas celebration increase in their intensity. There is so much to do! And so much less time in which to do it! In the midst of the quickening pace, maybe you can hear yourself panting, "Will I be ready?" But it is more than Christmas for which we prepare. Look at the Advent wreath. It is now twice as bright as it was before. Almost as if to say, "Open your eyes; be aware of what's really going on." The Lord is coming, that's what! Just as surely as He once came to Bethlehem (which was not prepared), so surely, He is coming again. Prepare!*

Arden Mead

### Welcome and Announcements

#### The Prelude

*The Birthday of a King*

#### The Lighting of the Advent Candles

*The Bethlehem Candle  
Prepare!*

#### \*The Congregational Introit #136, v. 4

*The First Noel*

#### \*The Call to Worship (Tom Long)

Psalm 85:4, 6, 7, 9

*Restore us again, O God of our salvation. Will you not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, for surely Your salvation is near to those who fear You, that glory may dwell in our land. Come, let us worship our God!*

#### \*The Hymn #125, vv. 1, 3, 4

*Joy to the World!*

### The Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### The Prayers of Silent Confession and The Assurance of Forgiveness

#### The Scripture Reading (Susan Sangster)

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough place a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

#### Special Music (Victoria Temple, soloist; David Steel, pianist)

*I Wonder as I Wander*

#### The Scripture Reading (Responsively; Beth Berstecher)

Micah 5:2-5a

Leader: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

People: Therefore, He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of His kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

Leader: And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall live secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; and He shall be the one of peace.

#### \*The Hymn #141, vv. 1, 3

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#### The Scripture Reading (Responsively; Nathan Lengel)

Isaiah 60:2-3, 9:2, 9:6

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you and His glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

#### Special Music (David Steel, pianist)

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

#### The Reading (John King)

*He Comes*

Go, preach, the Kingdom is at hand,  
The King is at the gate,  
Go, sound the news in every land,  
He comes for whom I wait.

He comes with lightning and in wrath,  
He follows down the sea,  
He sweeps the briars from His path,  
To set the captives free.

He comes with laughter in His eyes,  
Soft as the yellow dews,  
And hungry children hush their cries,  
To shout the glad, good news.

He comes, He comes with healing balm,  
For all the hurts of men.  
He comes, He comes with peace and calm,  
Where all the wars have been.

Sound bugles, sound in golden flood,  
His reign that shall not cease.  
He comes to make of all one blood,  
Triumphant Prince of Peace.

*Fanny Crosby*

#### \*The Hymn #151, vv. 1, 3

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

**\*The Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings (Responsively)**

**Leader:** Risen Lord, You have given new life to all who place their trust in You;

**People:** Receive these offerings which we bring and dedicate to You  
in the hope that Your life will be perfected in Your people through them.

**Leader:** May we find in serving You our deepest joy through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*The Doxology #131, v. 4**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

*Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,*

*Suddenly the Lord, descending, to His temple shall appear:*

*Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

**The Scripture Reading (Responsively; Frank Sangster)**

Isaiah 40:9, 60:1, 7:14b

**Leader:** Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

**People:** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Leader:** Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name Him Immanuel.

**Special Music (David Steel, pianist)**

*Emmanuel*

**The Scripture Reading (Linda Ferrara)**

Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors!"

**Special Music (Victoria Temple, soloist; David Steel, pianist)**

*Mary, Did You Know*

**The Scripture Reading (Mikayla Jones)**

Luke 1:68-79

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of His servant David, as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus, He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered His holy covenant, the oath that He swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

And You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for You will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**\*The Hymn #123, vv. 1, 4**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**The Scripture Reading (Responsively; David Steel)**

Luke 2:15-20

**Leader:** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So, they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**People:** When they saw this, they made known what had been told to them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

**Leader:** But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.

**\*The Hymn #127, vv. 1, 2**

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

**The Scripture Lesson (Charlie Jones)**

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12

**The Advent Meditation**

*"Star of Wonder, Star of Night"*

Rev. King

**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Blessing

The Lord's Prayer No. 426 (sung in unison)

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Leader:** Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His body and blood.

**People:** Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*The Hymn, vv. 1, 2, 4**

*There's a Song in the Air!*

**\*Blessing and Sending**

**\*The Congregational Response #138 (chorus)**

*Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;*

*Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

**Postlude**

*Emmanuel (Reprise)*

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