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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

Marcia Bickley, Clerk of Session
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CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon	Denise Jingoian	Kim Lengel
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Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon InnerChange	Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project
Skip and Carol Tobin, VMM	Jacob & Hosanna Thomas, VMM
Chester Eastside Inc.	City Team - Chester
Carolyn & Dan Hennings, Chop Point	Cornerstone Christian Academy
Michele Rickett — She is Safe	Young Life of Delaware County
David & Bethany Wilkinson, World Impact	Greenhouse Project
	Delaware County Pregnancy Center
	Doug Dicks, PCUSA's Regional Mission
	in Israel-Palestine

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

FEBRUARY 23, 2025



STRAWBERRY FARMHOUSE, CIRCA 1980



CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

February 23rd

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
10:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Nursery Care — Judy McCleary, Carol Nickey
10:00 am KOTM Pre-school and Elementary

MONDAY

February 24th

TUESDAY

February 25th

11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class, Sanctuary until 1 pm
7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

February 26th

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

February 27th

12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, Library
7:00 pm Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study
(members' homes)

FRIDAY

February 28th

WEATHER ALERT

In the event that predicted storms are going to possibly interfere with the Sunday morning service, the office will contact all of us through e-mail no later than Saturday evening by 7:00 PM. If you are not accustomed to driving in winter weather, please stay home and stay safe. You will always be able to watch the service live (or recorded) on Facebook or watch just the sermon on YouTube later on Sunday evening. Service will be canceled when the roads are not safe, or the parking lot cannot be cleared in time for service or power/heat are out. Service could be delayed for a period of up to 2 hours if more time is needed to prepare the parking lot for service.

CONCORD LIBERTY HIGHLIGHTS

WORSHIP

To view recent worship services, go to our website, concordliberty.org. Choose "Worship", then "Sermons". Select the sermon title you wish to view. Click the Facebook link to view the full service or the YouTube link to view the sermon only. Video links are normally available by Sunday afternoon.

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.

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.)

Happy Birthday to our March Celebrants!

**CAROL KEELER
MARCH 10TH**

**BUD CUNNINGHAM
MARCH 13TH**

**NOAH JONES
MARCH 25TH**

**LAURIE JONES
MARCH 26TH**



Sermon Notes

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

I. Back in Business

A. A brief summary.

1. Nehemiah arrives in Jerusalem with full support of the king including a military presence and resources for supplies and appointment as governor.
2. A ride in the dark to assess the project of building the city wall and its gates.
3. Enthusiastic reception by the leaders of the Jewish people.
4. The work begins.
 - a. Various families, individuals, and people groups take responsibility for specific gates and sections of the walls. "Like an extended CLPC work day!"
 - b. As with the temple project, the resistance movement rises up and they make threats to kill the workers. Nehemiah orders the workers to arm themselves and protect each other while they work, and to remain in the city to protect it by night (4:21-23).
 - c. The enemies hatch a plot to intimidate Nehemiah, but he courageously resists their threats.

B. Nehemiah 6:15 - "So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days."

1. Many of the exiles, beginning with the leaders, settled in Jerusalem. Others were chosen by lot to live in the city and build homes so the city would be safe.

C. The Law of Moses is reestablished (8:1-10).

1. All the people (men and women and all who could understand – 8:2) gathered before the Water Gate.
2. Ezra the priest, along with a contingent of Levites, stood on a high platform and began to read the Law.
 - a. The Levites, then, went among the people and made sure everyone understood.
3. As the people heard and learned what the Law commands, they begin to weep (8:9) because of their conviction of sin.
 - a. Nehemiah comforted them (v. 10), but, during his second term as governor, he, along with Ezra the priest, reestablished the Law of Moses, often with great force and authority, throughout the land of Israel.

Nehemiah 6:15-16; 8:1-10

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 23, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply

Jim Bradenburg, Worship Leader

David Steel, Service Leader



Silent Preparation

If you think about the characteristics of Nehemiah's leadership revealed in this chapter, you will find a single theme threaded throughout: unselfishness. Unconcerned about having his name in lights, Nehemiah stepped aside and strengthened the overall project with fresh reinforcements – people like Ezra who was better than he in the handling of the Scripture. And as Ezra did his job, Nehemiah stood among the people applying the truth that was proclaimed. It posed no problem for him to step aside and have his wall project virtually ignored because a far more significant activity was taking place among the people. Why? His mind-set was unselfish.

Charles Swindoll in *Hand Me Another Brick*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"*Prière du Matin*"

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 37)

LEADER: Trust in the Lord, and do good. Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

PEOPLE: **Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way.**

LEADER: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their refuge in the time of trouble. The Lord helps them and rescues them because they take refuge in Him. Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

"*Gentle Shepherd*"
No. 458

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**

"*In My Heart There Rings a Melody*"
No. 514

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

LEADER: Every good thing that comes to us in life, O Lord, can be traced back to Your hand.

PEOPLE: **With joy, we present these good gifts in gratitude to You.**

LEADER: May these gifts from our hands be passed on to dear ones whom You love, so that Your hand might be seen in the giving; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

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

DEDICATION OF THE STRAWBERRY FARMHOUSE

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 6:15-16; 8:1-10

THE MESSAGE

"*Back in Business*"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*"
No. 435

BLESSING AND SENDING

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"*O, How He Loves You and Me*"
O, how He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O, how He loves you; O, how He loves me;
O, how He loves you and me!

POSTLUDE

"*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*" (reprise)