



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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### CLPC Session

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Gary Cannon  
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### Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon  
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## CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost* AUGUST 24, 2025



*Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God.*

I PETER 1:18  
MSG

# CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

August 24th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*  
10:00 am Worship Service  
10:00 am Nursery Care — Carol Keeler, Carol Nickey  
2:00 pm *SUMMER SPLASH TODAY!*

## MONDAY

August 25th

7:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Zoom)

## TUESDAY

August 26th

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY

August 27th

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

August 28th

7:15 pm Children's Ministry September Meeting  
(rescheduled — Zoom)

## FRIDAY

August 29th

## SATURDAY

August 30th

# 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](mailto: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](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!

## Concord Liberty will host a table at the 2025 CONCORD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

Concord Township Park, 701 Smithbridge Road  
September 6, 2025! (4 pm–Dusk)



**Come and enjoy an afternoon of  
games, music, and food!**

*Games, giveaways, moon bounces! Food, ice cream!*

*Live music by "Sometime in September!"*

*The day ends with fireworks at dusk.*

**If you would like to help with staffing our table, please see Charlie!**

# Sermon Notes

AUGUST 24, 2025

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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



### Silent Preparation

*The apostle Paul was fond of the metaphor of the race. He also used the idea of a journey, a trip, a pilgrimage, to explain what life is all about. St. Augustine too favored the idea of life as a journey. But it was Jesus who used it before either Paul or Augustine when he said, "I am the Way" – the footpath, the track, the straight and narrow, which we reach through a squeezer or stile. As Augustine believed, Jesus is both the footpath to the destination and the destination itself. Perhaps this is why, despite religious differences, despite cultural and technological differences, so many readers and writers have for so many years found in the metaphor of pilgrimage a metaphor that gives shape and meaning to life.*

*Cheryl Forbes in Notes of a Reluctant Pilgrim*

\*Congregation is requested to stand if able.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*  
Scriven/Converse

**LEADER:** Let us join in worshipping the Lord our God.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 71)

## I. With Reverence and Awe

Hebrews 12:18-29

### A. Two mountains.

1. Mount Sinai (Horeb) – the Mountain of God, the Mountain of Moses.
  - a. Represents the old covenant of the law.
  - b. Cannot be touched; burns with fire; a place of darkness, gloom and storm (v. 18).
  - c. The sights, sounds, and words of warning so terrifying that even Moses was "trembling with fear" (v. 21).
2. Mount Zion (v. 22) – "the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem."
  - a. "Thousands of angels in joyful assembly" (v. 22).
  - b. "The spirits of the righteous made perfect" (v. 23).
  - c. Jesus is there! His sacrifice "speaks a better word", mediating a new covenant that overcomes the sin of Abel.

### B. Which one will you choose?

1. A new and final warning comes from heaven (Mt. Zion) – v. 25.
2. There will be a final shaking of all of creation, "not only the earth, but also the heavens" (v. 26).
3. Those who "do not refuse him who speaks" (v. 25), who have received the kingdom (v. 28), "cannot be shaken and may remain" (v. 27).

### C. For those who have chosen to receive the kingdom, there is an appropriate response.

1. "Be thankful" (v. 28)!
2. "Worship God acceptably with reverence and awe" (v. 28)!
  - a. What does or should this look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century church?
  - b. God is still "a consuming fire" (v. 29).

**LEADER:** In You, Lord, we have taken refuge; be our rock of refuge, for You are our rock and our fortress.

**PEOPLE:** **For You have been our hope, Sovereign Lord. From birth we have relied on You; we will ever praise You.**

**LEADER:** Our mouths are filled with Your praise, declaring Your splendor all day long. Our lips will shout for joy when we sing praise to You, we, whom You have redeemed. Come, let us worship our God!

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION**  
*"Cover Me" (2 Times)*  
No. 469

**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**  
*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*  
No. 262

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

**LEADER:** O that all would give thanks to You, O Lord!

**PEOPLE:** **For Your wonderful works to us, we give thanks for Your goodness.**

**LEADER:** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever. Amen.

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

**SCRIPTURE**  
Hebrews 12:18-29

**THE MESSAGE**  
*"With Reverence and Awe"*  
Pastor John King

**\*HYMN**  
*"O Worship the King"*  
No. 10

**BLESSING AND SENDING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**  
*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*  
Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

**POSTLUDE**  
*"Holy, Holy, Holy" (reprise)*