



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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Marcia Bickley, Clerk of Session

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CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon
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Pray for our missionaries:

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

Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project
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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 After Pentecost

Independence Day Weekend

JULY 6, 2025

A FEW OF OUR 2025 VBS KIDS ...



... WEARING THEIR
RED, WHITE & BLUE!

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CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

July 6th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
 10:00 am Worship Service, Communion
 10:00 am Nursery Care — Judy McCleary, Betsy Saggese
 10:00 am First Fruits

MONDAY

July 7th

TUESDAY

July 8th

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

July 9th

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

THURSDAY

July 10th

1:00 pm Women's Summer Bible Study (Library)

FRIDAY

July 11th

SATURDAY

July 12th

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.

NOTES LEFT IN CLPC OFFICE — If you leave a note in the CLPC office for anyone, please write your name on the note so we can follow-up if we don't understand your note.

Communion Cups Request!

Please place your used small Communion cups in the hole in the rack of the chair in front of you. The Deacons will collect the used cups and discard them. Thank you.



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Sermon Notes

JULY 6, 2025

I. Messy Grace

Galatians 6:1-6

A. Tying up loose ends.

1. As Paul transitions into the end of his letter, he continues to give instruction regarding how to live in the Spirit.
2. Even though these verses are written in paragraph form, they have the feel of a listing of proverbial statements.
 - a. Each one stands on its own, but, at the same time, there seems to be a common thread that runs through all of them as well as some seeming contradictions.

B. As we look at each of these proverbial thoughts, it is helpful to identify with the ways that Paul himself had to consider them as he wrote this letter in the context of his own unique relationship with the Galatian believers.

1. "... you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently" ... careful, "you also may be tempted" (v. 1).
 - a. Paul, throughout this entire letter, is attempting to restore the Galatians from their sins, particularly the Judaizers.
 - b. He, a Jew and a former Pharisee, could have been easily tempted to just side with those who had fallen into sin. It would have simplified his work as an apostle.
2. "Carry each other's burdens ... fulfill the law of Christ" (v. 2).
 - a. A large number of new believers are being persecuted and ostracized by the Judaizers, not only in Galatia, but throughout the wider church. When Paul later writes his letter to the church at Rome, this is still a major burden and concern.
 - b. Paul would certainly be tempted to ignore the problem, but he intervenes with this letter in order to "fulfill the law of Christ." The letter would have served as a sign of relief for the new Gentile believers.
3. Verses 3-5. "If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves" ... "they can take pride in themselves."
 - a. Certainly, as Paul is writing this, he is conscious of the fact that he earlier had to defend and reconfirm his credentials as an apostle
 - b. He does not do this to draw praise, but in order to assert his Christ-given authority to clarify the gospel message and to correct those who are defying its content and impact.
4. Verses 5-6. ... "for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives ... should share ... with their instructor."
 - a. A favorite verse for pastors and staff who are not being financially supported!
 - b. Generally, this was common practice in the ancient world. A teacher or lecturer was always compensated by the students and/or community for the service they provided. Paul is affirming that this is true for instruction in the word of God.
 - c. Later, Paul lavishly praises the Philippian church for their generosity to him and to others.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4th Sunday After Pentecost, Independence Day Weekend
Communion Sunday
July 6, 2025
10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply
Jim Bradenburg, Worship Leader
David Steel, Service Leader
Victoria Temple, Soloist



Silent Preparation

*Allow the Holy Spirit now, O Lord, its pouring forth,
its smooth anointing of your holy people, their empowerment:
Where nations still neglect your will,
disturbing good order,
distressing each other,
destroying citizens in every manner of war,
empower us to preach peace, to be the very spirit of peace among them.
For governors and presidents and counselors and all in leadership.*

Hear our prayer.

Romans 13:1-7

Walter Wangerin

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

And All the People Said Amen
Matt Maher
Victoria Temple, Soloist

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 66)

LEADER: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.

PEOPLE: **Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.**

LEADER: All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You, they sing the praises of Your name." Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"
No. 253

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***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**

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
No. 569

***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

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:1-6

THE MESSAGE

"Messy Grace"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
No. 323

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: Gracious God, You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for Your service.

People: **Help us who have shared Christ's body and received the cup, to be His faithful disciples, so that our daily living may be part of the life of Your kingdom, and our love be Your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" (reprise)