



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## CLPC Session

Marcia Bickley, Clerk of Session

Beth Berstecher	Worship
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Judy McCleary	Discipleship
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## CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon  
Betty Culver

Denise Jingoian  
Dave Lengel

Kim Lengel  
Connie O'Donnell

## 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  
City Team - Chester  
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Young Life of Delaware County  
Greenhouse Project  
Delaware County Pregnancy Center  
Doug Dicks, PCUSA's Regional Mission  
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CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Second Sunday After Pentecost*

JUNE 22, 2025



VBS 2025 starts tomorrow! Enjoy a few visual images of VBS 2024!



## CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

June 22nd

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*  
 10:00 am Worship Service  
 10:00 am Nursery Care — Marcia Bickley, Brenda Wilson

### MONDAY

June 23rd

**VBS ALL WEEK! 9 AM — NOON**

### TUESDAY

June 24th

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

June 25th

12:00 pm VBS Lunch with Teen Volunteers  
**NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER TIME THIS WEEK!**  
 6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)  
 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Library)

### THURSDAY

June 26th

12:00 pm VBS Luncheon with Kids and Families (Sanctuary)

### FRIDAY

June 27th

### SATURDAY

June 27th

## 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](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.

## PRAY FOR VOLUNTEERS

Lord, please bring volunteers to serve at VBS. Fill their hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon the kids. Give them strength, health, and an overwhelming joy to serve! We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they would grow closer to you!



# Sermon Notes

JUNE 22, 2025

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

June 22, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply  
Charlie Jones, Worship Leader  
David Steel, Service Leader

### I. Throw Away the Keys

Galatians 3:23-29

#### A. Context.

1. Written by the apostle Paul, probably from Antioch in Syria, after the first missionary journey and probably before the Council at Jerusalem (Acts 15).
2. It was likely written to the churches started by Paul and Barnabas in southern Galatia (Lystra, Derbe, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch) during the first journey.
3. All of these churches had responded to the gospel preached by Paul and recognized him as an apostle of Jesus Christ.
4. In a brief period of time, the Jewish believers have taken control of the Gentile believers and attempted to persuade them that they must be subject to the Law and all its requirements.
  - a. They are defying Paul's proclamation of justification by faith through grace and adding to it all the old requirements of Jewish law and worship.
  - b. Coupled with this is a denunciation of Paul, claiming he is a false apostle, a charge he rejects and proves false in the opening chapters.

#### B. In verses 23-29, Paul concludes his defense with a reiteration of the results of the gospel of grace.

1. Previously, he says, we were "locked up" and "held in custody" by the law. Once Christ came and justified us through His crucifixion and resurrection, we no longer need a guardian (vv. 23-24).
2. Christ now lives in us through His Spirit and we don't have to prove ourselves by the Law.
3. Everyone who is "in Christ Jesus" (v. 26) is "clothed with Christ" (v. 27). We are new people.
4. We do not fit into the old categories such as "Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female" (v. 28).
5. In regard to our freedom and fullness in the church, we all belong to Christ and we are all heirs to the fruit and blessings of the promise of the kingdom of God.

#### C. The Galatians reverted back to the custody of the Law.

1. What kind of "former lives" hold us in custody and keep us locked up?
2. It's time to "throw the keys away!"



### Silent Preparation

*O God, I have tasted Your goodness and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need of further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, I want to want You; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still.*

A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

VBS Memories

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 42)

LEADER: As the deer longs for streams of water, so our souls long for You, our God.

PEOPLE: **Our souls thirst for God, for the living God. When can we go and meet with God?**

LEADER: By day the Lord directs His love, at night His song is with us. Put your hope in God, for we will yet praise Him, our Savior and our God. Come, let us worship our God!

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION**  
*"How Majestic is Your Name"*  
No. 30

**THE COMMISSIONING OF VBS VOLUNTEERS**

**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**  
*"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*  
No. 580

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

LEADER: Only You, O Lord, are holy.

PEOPLE: **As we commit these gifts, our eyes are only able to glimpse a touch of Your glory.**

LEADER: Through Your perfect power, love and purity, magnify these gifts for Your holy work in our midst, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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

**SCRIPTURE**  
Galatians 3:23-29

**THE MESSAGE**

*"Throw Away the Keys"*  
Pastor John King

**\*HYMN**  
*"Jesus Loves Me"*  
No. 579

**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**  
*"Jesus Loves Me" (reprise)*