



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

To talk to someone about a particular area of ministry, please call the church office, (610) 358-2105 and Mary Ann, our church secretary, will direct your call to one of the Leaders, Directors, or Pastor below.

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Outreach & Congregational Care  
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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

Beth Berstecher	Worship
Charlie Jones	Outreach and Congregational Care
Tom Long	Property
Judy McCleary	Discipleship
Tom McGrail	Outreach, Communications, Missions
Frank Sangster	Finance
Marian Spor	Congregational Care
Brenda Wilson	Discipleship

### CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon  
Betty Culver

Denise Jingoian  
Dave Lengel

Kim Lengel  
Connie O'Donnell

### Pray for our missionaries:

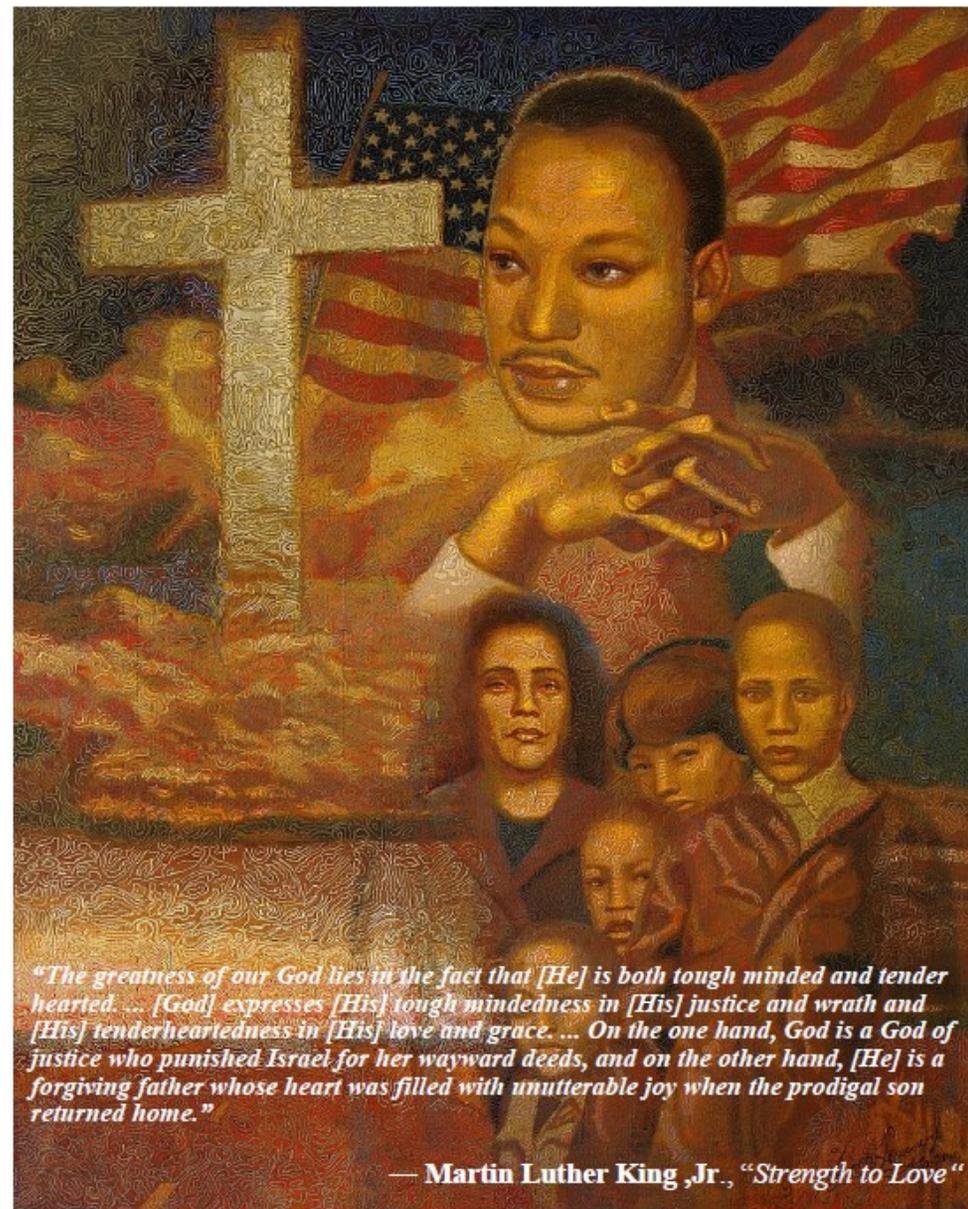
Nate & Jenny Bacon  
InnerChange  
Skip and Carol Tobin, VMM  
Chester Eastside Inc.  
Carolyn & Dan Hennings,  
World Impact  
Michele Rickett — She is Safe  
David & Bethany Wilkinson,  
Chop Point

Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project  
Jacob & Hosanna Thomas, VMM  
City Team - Chester  
Cornerstone Christian Academy  
Young Life of Delaware County  
Greenhouse Project  
Delaware County Pregnancy Center  
Dr. Rao, SNHEA, India

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## *Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend*

JANUARY 18, 2026



*"The greatness of our God lies in the fact that [He] is both tough minded and tender hearted. ... [God] expresses [His] tough mindedness in [His] justice and wrath and [His] tenderheartedness in [His] love and grace. ... On the one hand, God is a God of justice who punished Israel for her wayward deeds, and on the other hand, [He] is a forgiving father whose heart was filled with unutterable joy when the prodigal son returned home."*

— Martin Luther King, Jr., "Strength to Love"

Painting by Alexey Akindinov, 2010

# CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

January 18th

9:00 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*  
10:00 am Worship Service  
10:00 am KOTM Elementary — Beth Berstecher, Cheri Bates  
10:00 am KOTM Preschool — Judy McCleary  
10:00 am Nursery Care — Sandy Mueller, Laurie Cannon

## MONDAY

January 19th

**Martin Luther King, Jr.  
National Day of Service  
NO SCHOOL FOR LOVE AND LEARN**

## TUESDAY

January 20th

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

## WEDNESDAY

January 21st

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

January 22nd

12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
7:15 pm Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study (members' homes)

## FRIDAY

January 23rd

## SATURDAY

January 24th

### WEATHER ALERT

In the event that predicted winter weather might interfere with the Sunday morning service, the office will contact all of us through e-mail either on Saturday night or very early Sunday morning. If you are not accustomed to driving in winter weather, please stay home and stay safe. Service will be cancelled 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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!



## ANNUAL MEETING

**February 1, 2026**

A congregational meeting to receive 2025 annual reports is planned for February 1st, immediately after worship service.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*"O, Happy Day"*

Happy day, happy day, When Jesus washed my sins away!  
He taught me how to watch and pray, And live rejoicing every day;  
Happy day, happy day, When Jesus washed my sins away!

**POSTLUDE**

*"His Name Is Wonderful" (reprise)*

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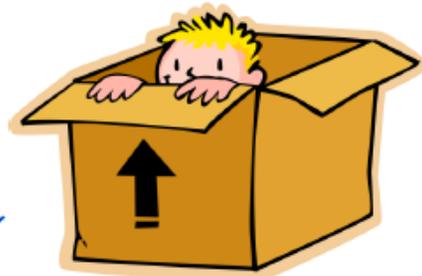
**DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CONGREGATIONAL CARE**  
Do you have questions or suggestions for Charlie Jones?  
Just want to discuss something?  
Please call or email Charlie at: **267-231-0824**  
[charlie.concordliberty@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.concordliberty@gmail.com)

**REMINDER: LOVE AND LEARN IS BACK 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.)
- NEW THIS YEAR — When you are in the Worship Center during school hours, sign-in upon entry, and sign-out when you leave. Sign-in sheets are in the narthex (Door 1) and in the preschool entry (door 2) — use either one!

**WANTED**

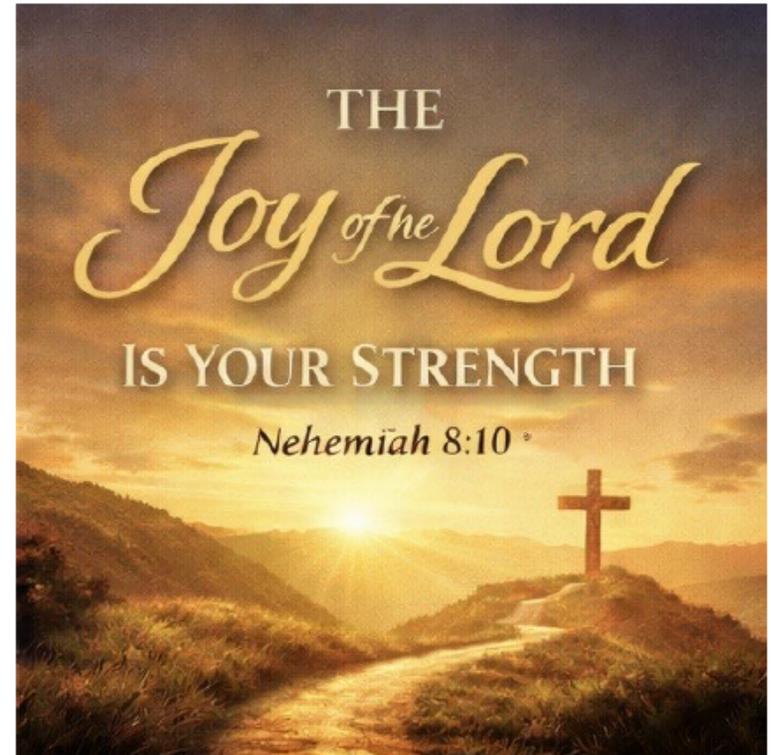
by Children's Ministry:  
Brown Kraft paper packing strips that come in shipping boxes!  
(There is a labeled container for this in the Narthex.)



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
January 18, 2026  
10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Elder Charlie Jones, Preaching  
Linda Ferrara, Worship Leader  
David Steel, Service Leader



**Silent Preparation**

*Strength for the Journey*

The Lord goes before you and stands beside you.  
His joy is not fragile—  
it carries you when your strength is thin.

In Christ, you are secure,  
your steps ordered,  
your labor not in vain.  
What weighs heavy does not have the final word;  
God's joy becomes your strength.

Rise with hope,  
walk in honor,  
and let your life quietly declare  
that the Lord is faithful.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take a moment to welcome one another in His name.

### PRELUDE

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*  
J. S. Bach

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Nehemiah 8:10-12, adapted*)

LEADER: The people gathered to hear the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **We come ready to listen and to receive.**

LEADER: The joy of the Lord is our strength.

PEOPLE: **We will rejoice and give thanks to God.**

ALL: **We worship the Lord with glad and grateful hearts.**

### \*THE HYMN OF ADORATION

*"Fill My Cup, Lord" (refrain)*  
No. 398

## 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

*"His Name is Wonderful"*  
No. 101

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

LEADER: God has poured out grace, mercy, and joy upon His people.

PEOPLE: **We respond with thankful hearts and generous lives.**

LEADER: Let us pray.

Joyful God, receive these gifts  
as signs of trust in Your provision  
and gratitude for Your faithfulness.  
Use them to strengthen Your church  
and to share Your joy with the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### \*DOXOLOGY

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

### SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8:9-12 (NIV)

### THE MESSAGE

*"The Joy of the Lord Is Your Strength"*  
Elder Charlie Jones

### \*HYMN

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*  
No. 249

### BLESSING AND SENDING