



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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### CLPC Session

Marcia Bickley, Clerk of Session

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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  
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Cornerstone Christian Academy  
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

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Labor Day Weekend*

AUGUST 31, 2025



# CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

August 31st

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*  
10:00 am Worship Service  
10:00 am Nursery Care — Lynn Lista, Susan Sangster

## MONDAY

September 1st



## TUESDAY

September 2nd

4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (Library)  
7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)  
7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY

September 3rd

10:30 am Delaware County Gospel Network (Sanctuary)  
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

September 4th

## FRIDAY

September 5th

## SATURDAY

September 6th

### 2025 CONCORD TWP COMMUNITY DAY!

4 pm—Dusk  
Smithbridge Park  
Games, music, food, fireworks!  
CLPC will be there with a table!

# 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!



## Birthday Wishes to our September Celebrants:

- ♦Sept. 4 — Sophia Marchese
- ♦Sept. 6 — Barbara Mowrey
- ♦Sept. 7 — Katie Long
- ♦Sept. 13 — Cathy Winters
- ♦Sept. 14 — Marcia Bickley
- ♦Sept. 21 — Jim Massey
- ♦Sept. 25 — Luke Jingoian

## DO WE KNOW YOUR BIRTHDAY?

If your birthday has not appeared in our monthly celebratory messages, please email your birth month and day to [office@concordliberty.org](mailto:office@concordliberty.org)

# Sermon Notes

AUGUST 31, 2025

## I. Final Instructions

Hebrews 13:1-8

- A. Parenthesis – “An ancient rhetorical and literary style especially consisting of moral exhortations loosely fitted together” (Craig Keener, IVP Bible Background Commentary). We not only see this being used here, but also see it in the letters of Paul.
1. This text fits Keener’s description very well, although Evans points out some clever uses of the original Greek by the writer that indicate that there are some elements that add a bit of linguistic artistry in putting these instructions together. This consists, specifically, of the Greek words for love, *philos*, and for brothers, *adelphos*.
    - a. The writer uses parts of these Greek word roots in other sentences to tie the passage together with a sense of unity.
- B. A non-linguist’s look at these final words of encouragement.
1. Keep on loving one another (v. 13).
    - a. Extremely crucial for Jews and Christians in a time of persecution.
    - b. Fulfills Jesus’ new commandment – John 13:34-35. The mark of the Christian.
    - c. This would have been consistent with their accustomed way of life. Synagogues were like community centers for persecuted Jews and the fellowship and worship for early Christians would have served a similar purpose. The writer encourages them in 10:25 to “not give up meeting together”, “but encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
  2. Be hospitable to strangers (v. 2). They may be angels!
    - a. All Jewish believers were familiar with the Genesis account of the three men who were welcomed by Abraham and Sarah and turned out to be angels.
    - b. Have you ever entertained an angel without knowing it?
  3. Remember the prisoners (v. 3).
    - a. The writer either knows or assumes that this has been a part of their ministry.
    - b. The Roman prison system often assumed that prisoners would be fed and cared for by their friends and family.
    - c. “As if you were together with them.”
    - d. “As if you yourselves were suffering.”
  4. Honor marriage (v. 4).
    - a. Not only your own marriage, but the institution of marriage.
    - b. Don’t defy morality through adultery and/or sexual immorality.
  5. Trust the Lord in regard to money (vv. 5-6).
    - a. Be content – this might include quietly helping others in this area of their lives.
    - b. The Jews were regarded as being gifted in finance. This presented them with a wonderful opportunity to be the Lord’s instrument of care for others.
  6. Remember your leaders and imitate their way of life (v. 7). Similar to Heb. 12:1-2.
  7. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (v. 8).
    - a. Wasn’t that good news for those who were struggling with persecution?
    - b. And isn’t that good news for all of us? He continues to be the faithful one in our lives! We, along with Paul and other believers throughout church history “can do all things through Him who gives us strength” (Philippians 4:13).

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 31, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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



### Silent Preparation

*You may treat ideas as bullets ... or seeds! You may shoot ideas ... or you may sow them! You may hit people in the head with them or plant them in their hearts. Use them as bullets, they kill inspiration and neutralize motivation. Use them as seeds, they take root and grow and become a reality in the life in which they are planted. The only risk taken when seeds are planted is that they become a part of the one in whom they grow. The originator will probably get no credit for the idea. If one is willing not to get credit for an idea, a rich harvest will be reaped. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." – Acts 20:35*

Richard C. Halverson in *Perspective*

\*Congregation is requested to stand if able.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*"Just as I Am"*

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 112)

**LEADER:** Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in His commands.

**PEOPLE:** **Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**LEADER:** Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. Surely, they will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. 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**

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*  
No. 451

**\*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 13:1-8

**THE MESSAGE**

"Final Instructions"  
Pastor John King

**\*HYMN**

*"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*  
No. 284

**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**

*"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (reprise)*