



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.

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply
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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
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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
Doug Dicks, PCUSA's Regional Mission
in Israel-Palestine

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

JULY 13, 2025



CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

July 13th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
10:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Nursery Care — Beth Berstecher, Laurie Cannon
10:00 am

MONDAY

July 14th

TUESDAY

July 15th

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

July 16th

ALL DAY WORSHIP CENTER CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE
NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER TIME
6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Library)

THURSDAY

July 17th

ALL DAY WORSHIP CENTER CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE
6:30 CONCERT: Chasing the Light

FRIDAY

July 18th

SATURDAY

July 19th

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.

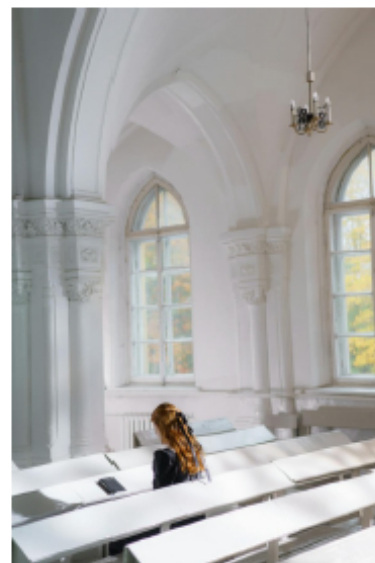
WORSHIP DETAILS — Any schedule changes to worship service roles (KOTM, communion, tellers, etc.) should be sent to office@concordliberty.org at least a week in advance of the respective service date.

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.

PRAYER PAGE — The next printed Prayer Page will be published on August 3rd.

WORSHIP CENTER MAINTENANCE — the annual deep cleaning of tile floors and carpeting in the Worship Center has been scheduled for July 16 and 17. The Worship Center will be closed for those two days. Office staff will work remotely. Wednesday afternoon Prayer Time will not be held on the 16th. The Worship Center will re-open on the 17th in time for the Thursday evening concert with Chasing the Light.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS — until the AC is repaired in the rear half of the worship center, Mary Ann's in-office hours may vary. If a day becomes too warm, she may work more hours remotely. If you need to reach her during ANY hours, please contact her on her cell, 703-795-3620. (She also monitors CLPC email all day.)



Sermon Notes

July 13, 2025

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5th Sunday After Pentecost

July 13, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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

I. Can You Pray for Me, Too?

Colossians 1:1-14

- A. As Paul opens his letter to the Colossians, he does so by praying for them. This text serves as a wonderful model for intercessory prayer and it also leaves us wishing that Paul could pray for us!
- B. Begin with thanksgiving.
- Verse 3 – "We always thank God"
 - For your faith in Christ Jesus (v. 4).
 - For your love for all of God's people (v. 4).
 - For the hope that is stored up for you in heaven (v. 5).
 - For the one who proclaimed the true message.
 - You heard of this hope in the gospel that has come to you (vv. 5-6).
 - You learned from Epaphras ... a faithful minister of Christ (v. 7).
- C. Be faithful and persistent in prayer – "we have not stopped praying for you" (v. 9).
- D. For what do we ask?
- That others may be filled "with the knowledge of God's will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives" (v. 9).
 - That others may live lives worthy of the Lord (v. 10).
 - Fully pleasing to God.
 - Bearing fruit in good works.
 - Growing in the knowledge of God.
 - That others may be strengthened with the power of God's might (v. 11).
 - That others may have great endurance and patience (v. 11).
 - That this would be coupled with joyful thanksgiving to God who has enabled us to share in the joy of the people of the kingdom of God (v. 12).
- E. Conclude with a doxology (Praise).
- God has rescued us from darkness! (v. 13)
 - God has brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves! (v. 13)
 - Jesus has redeemed us, paying our debt to sin on the cross, and He has enabled forgiveness of sin against God by virtue of His sacrifice! (v. 14)

If this is the way you pray, please pray for me!!



Silent Preparation

Prayer is central to the reality of ongoing interaction with God. It is the foundation of all the spiritual disciplines of engagement – the "via positiva" (the positive way). Over the years this has led me into many ways of praying, including the experience of praying as my own prayers the prayers that have been preserved throughout the centuries. This may surprise some, especially those who assume that prayer must be spontaneous in order to stay alive and fresh. But, if we are honest, we all must admit that there are times when we simply cannot find words to express the deepest yearnings of our heart, and at such times the prayer of another often is able to come to our aid with words that we could not find for ourselves.

Richard Foster in *Prayers From The Heart*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"My Tribute"
Andraé Crouch

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 5)

LEADER: Through the abundance of Your steadfast love, O God,
we will enter Your house and bow down in awe of You.

PEOPLE: **Lead us, O Lord, in Your righteousness. Make Your
way straight before us. Let all who take refuge in
You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread
Your protection over them, so that those who love
Your name may exult in You.**

LEADER: For You bless the righteous, O Lord. You cover them with
favor as with a shield. Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

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

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**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
No. 428

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

LEADER: Risen Lord, You have given new life to all who place their
trust in You;

PEOPLE: **Receive these offerings which we bring and dedicate
to You in the hope that Your life will be perfected in
Your people through them.**

LEADER: May we find in serving You our deepest joy through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

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

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:1-14

THE MESSAGE

"Can You Pray for Me, Too?"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
No. 433

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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (reprise)