



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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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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Pray for our missionaries:

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

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Cornerstone Christian Academy
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Delaware County Pregnancy Center
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CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

November 16th

- STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**
- 9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
 - 10:00 am Worship Service
 - 10:00 am KOTM Elementary — Cathy Winters, Mikayla Jones
 - 10:00 am Preschool — Lynn Lista
 - 10:00 am Nursery Care — Carol Keeler, Jackie Asteris

MONDAY

November 17th

- 9:00 am- Love and Learn Parents Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 am
- 7:30 pm Nominating Meeting (Zoom)

TUESDAY

November 18th

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

WEDNESDAY

November 19th

- 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

November 20th

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

FRIDAY

November 21st

SATURDAY

November 22nd

- 9:00 am— **FALL CLEAN-UP DAY** (Concord Liberty Grounds)
- 1:00 pm Followed by LUNCH for all!

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.

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.

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 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!

TURKEY REMINDER!

If you would like to donate a turkey or a turkey breast to Loaves of Love food pantry, please contact Denise Jingoian TODAY!



Sermons for the Months of Fall

NOVEMBER 16, STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
"A Perfect Test File"
Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 23, CHRIST THE KING & THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
"I Will Be Exalted"
Psalm 46

Sermon Notes

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

I. A Perfect Test File

Luke 21:5-19

A. Showdown at the Temple Corral!

1. Jesus, shortly after He entered the city of Jerusalem for Passover, went into the temple courtyard and cleansed it by driving out the merchants and moneychangers (19:45-46). This was a sign that He had come to destroy the temple system.
2. Now, as He approaches the temple, His disciples are enamored by its grandeur.
 - a. This is the second temple, rebuilt after Solomon's temple was destroyed by the Babylonians (Ezra and Nehemiah). In recent years, it had been enlarged and embellished by the building projects of King Herod.
 - b. Jesus declares, "the time will come when not one stone will be left on another, every one of them will be thrown down" (v. 2). Ironically, around 40 years later, the Romans will do this.
3. As is often the case with Jesus' teaching, there is a spiritual meaning behind the words.
 - a. They assume He is primarily speaking of the physical temple. He is actually declaring God's intention to tear the whole temple system of laws and sacrifices down.
4. The religious leaders are intent on destroying the new covenant of grace fulfilled in Jesus. They want to get rid of him (19:47-48, 20:19). By the end of the week, at Golgotha, they think they have succeeded. Their satisfaction will be ended by the resurrection and Pentecost.

B. What will the aftermath look like as the covenant of grace is ultimately victorious?

1. Later in the text, Jesus makes it clear that when the end comes, everyone will know. It will be perfectly clear. But He doesn't give times and dates!
2. We must distinguish between the end times and the end of time. Jesus refers to both as he answers their questions.
3. In verses 5-19, however, He is referring to the end times. Since the day of Pentecost until the present day, the church has been living in the end times. Jesus describes the characteristics.
 - a. Many will come, claiming they have the answers about the final day. Don't follow them! (v. 8)
 - b. There will be wars and uprisings throughout the end times (v. 9). This is not the end.
 - c. Earthquakes, famines, pestilences throughout the world. Fearful events and great signs from heaven (v. 11). This is not the end of time.
 - d. Persecution. Believers will be required to give testimony. "But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict" (vv. 14-15).
 - e. Believers will be betrayed and put to death and hated (vv. 16-17). "Stand firm, and you will win life" (v. 19). This will be a life that overcomes physical death.
4. In the following passage, Jesus speaks of the end of time and makes it clear that "at that time, they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (v. 27).

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
23rd Sunday After Pentecost, Stewardship Sunday
November 16, 2025
10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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Silent Preparation

What happens to peoples' beliefs and ideas when Jesus comes to inspect them? He finds much that needs cleaning up, much grime and rubbish that needs removing. The evils which had accumulated in Judaism in the time of Jesus are not peculiar to the Jerusalem temple. We may all find, as Jesus enters our own 'temple' and inspects our faith and life, things need to be thoroughly cleaned out from it.

Michael Wilcox

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Variation on a Theme in G"
W. A. Mozart

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)

LEADER: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

PEOPLE: **Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.**

LEADER: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy. 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**
"The Solid Rock"
No. 404

***THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND 2026 PLEDGES**
(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
Luke 21:5-19

THE MESSAGE

"A Perfect Test File "
Pastor John King

***HYMN**
"How Firm a Foundation"
No. 275

BLESSING AND SENDING

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"On Eagle's Wings"
*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

POSTLUDE
"The Solid Rock" (reprise)