



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

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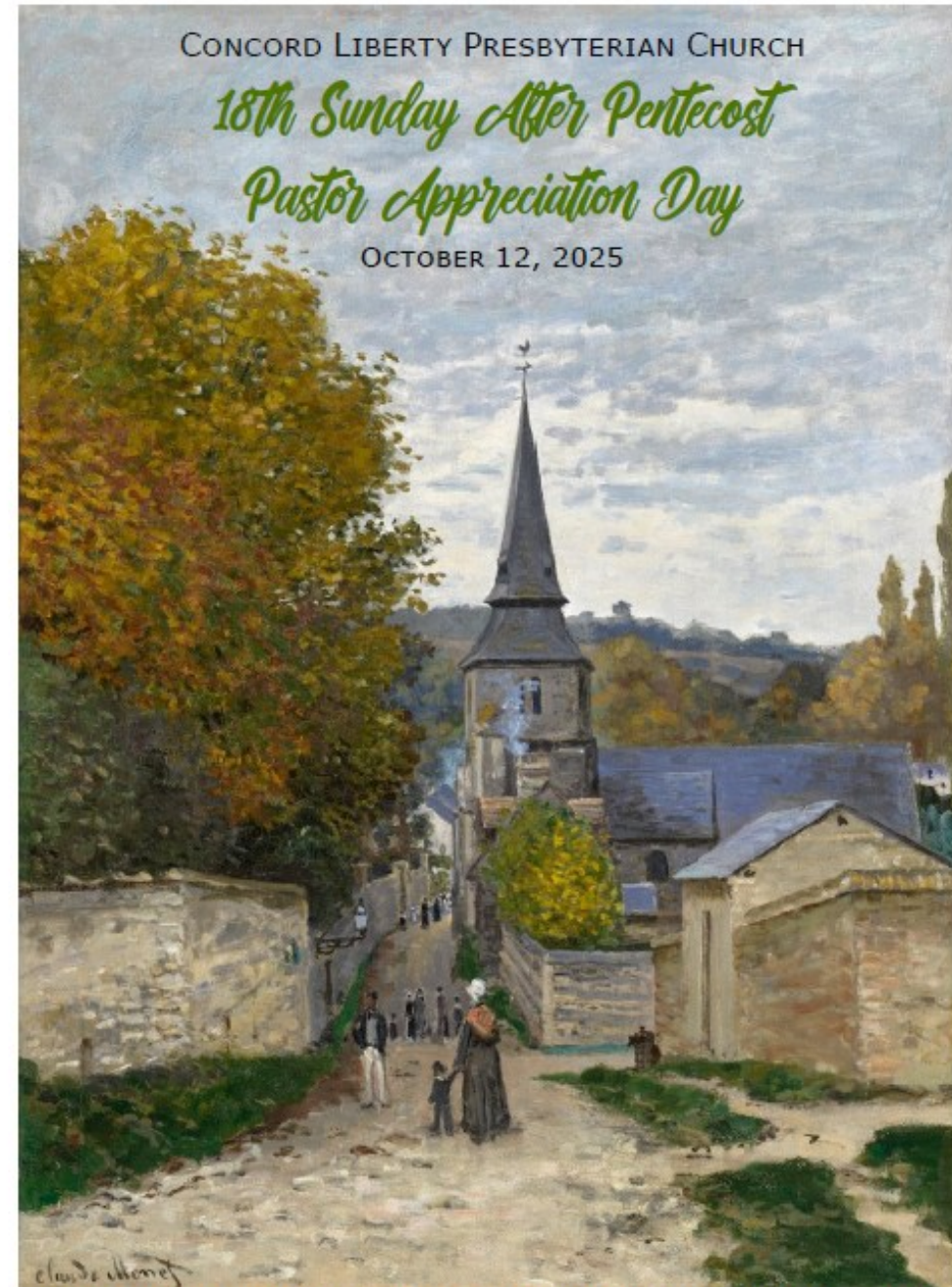
Denise Jingoian
Dave Lengel

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



Street in Saint-Adresse by Claude Monet, 1867, Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA.

CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

October 12th

- 9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
10:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am KOTM Elementary — Beth Berstecher, Mikayla Jones
10:00 am KOTM Preschool — Lynn Lista
10:00 am Nursery Care — Judy McCleary, Jackie Asteris
11:00 am **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
NO DEACONS MEETING THIS WEEK

MONDAY

October 13th

- 7:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Zoom)
All Day **NO SCHOOL — COLUMBUS DAY**
All Day Maintenance Day at the Worship Center — HVAC and alarm system

TUESDAY

October 14th

- 10:00 am Women's Ministry Team Meeting (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

October 15th

- 1:00 pm Wednesday Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
4:30 pm Confirmation/Commissioning Class (Library)
6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Library)

THURSDAY

October 16th

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

FRIDAY

October 17th

SATURDAY

October 18th

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!

REMINDER: LOVE AND LEARN IS 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!



If you're interested in helping with this year's Fall activities in support of **LOVE AND LEARN PRESCHOOL**, please see Lynn Lista!

Sermon Notes

OCTOBER 12, 2025

- I. Correctly handling the word of truth. II Timothy 2:8-15
- A. Try to remember.
1. It is of note what Paul instructs them to particularly remember. He sums up the essentials of the person of Christ in one sentence (v. 8).
 - a. Fully God – “raised from the dead”.
 - b. Fully human – “descended from David”.
 2. These essentials, unknown to Paul, would be clarified over 250 years later at the Council of Nicea (325). The Nicene Creed affirms Jesus as fully God (“of one substance with the Father”) as well as fully human and became the bedrock confession of the church to the present day.
- B. Paul reflects on his present circumstances in the context of the essentials of what he believes about Christ, his Lord and Savior.
1. He may be in chains, regarded as a criminal in prison (v. 9), but that won't stop Jesus, our Messiah/Savior whose word cannot be restrained. After all, He is the risen God and the true Messiah, from the line of David (v. 8).
 2. Paul, therefore, is ready to endure whatever is necessary so that all those who would receive the gospel (“the elect”) may come to salvation (v. 10).
- C. Talk about old hymns (vv. 11-13).
1. Many scholars believe that Paul is quoting these thoughts from excerpts of an ancient hymn.
 2. To inspire Timothy and other believers, he brings to mind the inspirational thoughts from a hymn that may have been familiar to them, thoughts that speak to God's mercy and to God's justice.
 3. God's mercy.
 - a. “If we died with Him, we will also live with Him” (v. 11).
 - b. “If we endure, we will also reign with Him” (v. 12).
 4. God's justice.
 - a. “If we disown Him, He will disown us” (v. 12). See Matthew 10:32-33.
 5. God's prevailing offer of grace (v. 13).
 - a. “If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.”
- D. Reminders (vv. 14-18).
1. Remind believers to speak clearly about the things of God. Don't try to figure out alternative explanations that dilute the truth. This will only ruin the understanding of those who listen.
 2. “Correctly handle the word of truth.” Literally means “cutting straight”.
 3. Paul is encouraging Timothy and others to speak the truth about God's kingdom clearly without modifying its truth or impact.
 - a. And do this in a language they can understand! So they get it straight, and respond with enthusiasm and determination so that lives are changed.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
18th Sunday After Pentecost, Pastor Appreciation Day
October 12, 2025
10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply
Susan Sangster, Worship Leader
David Steel, Service Leader



Silent Preparation

*Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
(17th century German hymn, author unknown)*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art"
Stuart Hine

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 66)

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise.

PEOPLE: **Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! Because of Your great power, Your enemies cringe before You.**

LEADER: All the earth worships You; they sing praises to You, sing praises to Your name." Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**
"We Have Come Into This House"
No. 588

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'll Live for Him"
No. 370

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

LEADER: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we commit our gifts to You.

PEOPLE: **May we always know the privilege and joy of participating in Your generosity; in the distant corners of the world, in our community and in our church.**

LEADER: Shine Your face on each gift, Lord, so that together they might be a reflection of Your blessing in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE
II Timothy 2:8-15

THE MESSAGE
"Correctly Handling the Word of Truth"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**
"Fairest Lord Jesus
No. 88

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
"Fairest Lord Jesus" (reprise)