



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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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

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

JULY 27, 2025



"Comfort the Children", by Greg Collins, contemporary digital artist.

CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

CONCORD LIBERTY HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY

July 27th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
10:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Nursery Care — Sandy Mueller, Jackie Asteris

MONDAY

July 28th

TUESDAY

July 29th

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

July 30th

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

July 31st

1:00 pm Women's Summer Bible Study (Library)
6:00 pm **Summer Concert — Matthew Jones at Concord Township's Smithbridge Park**

FRIDAY

August 1st

SATURDAY

August 2nd

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.

Wishing a happy August birthday to our Birthday Leos!



4 Janet John
4 Chris Quattro
7 Nancy Houser
8 Shirl Long
8 Judy McCleary
9 Kim Lengel
10 Mary Ann Emely
13 Brenda Wilson
16 Beth Berstecher
19 Betsey Saggese

Sermon Notes

July 27, 2025

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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



Silent Preparation

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising the Savior all the day long.
Fanny J. Crosby*

*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 Piano Sonata No. 12 in F Major"
W. A. Mozart*

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)

LEADER: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us. Will You not revive us again so that Your people may rejoice in You?

I. It Is Finished

Colossians 2:6-15

- A. After describing the person of Christ, his own personal response to Him and the ministry to which he has been called, Paul now focuses on the Colossians and their new life in Christ.
- B. In this text, he redefines for them the nature of their participation in the gospel, warns them about dangers and temptations to resist, and concludes with a resounding assurance of the fullness of their new life in Christ.
1. Their participation in the gospel.
 - a. Verse 6 - "... you received Christ Jesus as Lord."
 - b. Verses 6-8 - Continue, dig roots, build up, strengthen, "as you were taught", be thankful.
 2. Dangers and temptations.
 - a. Verse 8 - Paul warns them about being snared in the trap of current opinion and philosophies which would be in conflict with the revealed gospel of Christ.
 - b. These "deceptive" alternatives were the first stages of gnosticism which would plague the early church and, in various forms, continues to plague the church today.
 3. Assurance of the fullness of their salvation!
 - a. Verse 9 - Paul repeats that Jesus is the visible expression of the invisible God - "the deity lives in bodily form." By His authority over all contenders, He has brought us to fullness in Him.
 - b. Continue to focus on the hope ... no shifting from true hope to false, trendy hope (v. 23).
 - c. Paul makes it clear that there is no longer any need for physical circumcision because all those who have been made "alive in Christ", have received a circumcision in our hearts (vv. 11-12) performed by His Spirit and not by human hands.
- C. In verses 13-15, Paul uses two powerful metaphors of the completeness of Christ's victory in our lives.
1. The certificate of debt ("the charge of our legal indebtedness").
 - a. This charge would have been posted on one's cell in a Roman jail. When the debt was satisfied, the prisoner would be released and the certificate would be stamped with the words, "It is finished", the very words that Jesus shouted from the cross.
 - b. Similar to the titulus that was nailed to the cross above Jesus' head, "The King of the Jews".
 2. The public spectacle.
 - a. It was the custom of Roman generals to parade through the conquered cities with their prisoners walking before them in chains.
 - b. With the victory of His sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection and subsequent appearances, this is what Jesus does to the Evil One and all of his fellow enemies of the kingdom of God. "With the cross of Jesus going on before" (No. 479 in the hymnal).

PEOPLE: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. Let us hear what God the Lord will speak to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

LEADER: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land. 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**
"Immortal, Invisible"
No. 25

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

LEADER: In all things, O Lord, we give You thanks.

PEOPLE: For You have given all things into our hands.

LEADER: We give these gifts to You in the hope that our gratitude may shine through them as blessings in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE
Colossians 2:6-15

THE MESSAGE

"It Is Finished"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**
"The Church's One Foundation"
No. 277

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
"The Church's One Foundation" (reprise)