



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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Marcia Bickley, Clerk of Session

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Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon
InnerChange
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Michele Rickett — She is Safe
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Chop Point

Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project
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Cornerstone Christian Academy
Young Life of Delaware County
Greenhouse Project
Delaware County Pregnancy Center
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CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

JULY 20, 2025



I Stand by the Door

CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

CONCORD LIBERTY HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY

July 20th

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 21st

TUESDAY

July 22nd

6:00 pm Library Committee Meeting (Library)
7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

July 23rd

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 24th

1:00 pm Women's Summer Bible Study (Library)

FRIDAY

July 25th

SATURDAY

July 26th

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.

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.)

However, Mary Ann will be away from the office, out of town July 25-27 without her laptop. If you need anything that requires her computer, please contact her prior to the 24th.



Sermon Notes

JULY 20, 2025

- I. An Apologia for Paul's Life and Ministry Colossians 1:15-29
- A. The One whom Paul serves – Jesus Christ (vv. 15-20).
1. The visible expression of the invisible God (v. 15).
 2. Firstborn of all creation (v.15) ... not a biological declaration, but a title.
 - a. All things created through him and for him (v. 16).
 - b. Existed before creation ... is the glue that holds everything together (v. 17).
- B. The people whom God has called Paul to serve (vv. 21- 23).
1. Sinners – alienated and enemies in their minds, evil behavior (v. 21).
 2. Reconciled – transformed from enemies into brothers and sisters by virtue of the cross; now without blemish and free from accusation before God (v. 22).
 3. Paul's charge to these people.
 - a. Continue steadfastly, established in the faith (v. 23).
 - b. Continue to focus on the hope ... no shifting from true hope to false, trendy hope (v. 23).
- C. Paul's response – his life and ministry (vv. 24-29).
1. A servant of this good news (v. 23b).
 2. Sharing in Christ's suffering for the sake of the church, the body of Christ (v. 24). Paul is writing from prison.
 3. Paul's commission as an apostle ... directly from God (v. 25).
 4. Proclaiming "the mystery" that all in the history of creation have struggled and sought to discover, the "secret of all creation" (v. 26, Phillips).
 - a. The answer to this mystery has been revealed to the true believers ("the Lord's people" - v. 26) and they have the privilege of making it known amongst Gentiles and other unbelievers (v. 27).
 - b. The answer to the mystery is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" or "Christ in you, bringing with Him all of the hope of the world to come" (v. 27, Phillips).
 5. So, Paul proclaims Christ (v. 28).
 - a. Admonishing (warning) and teaching everyone (v. 28).
 - b. The goal is full maturity (v. 28).
 - c. The effort is full and complete, fueled by God's grace (v. 29).

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6th Sunday After Pentecost
July 20, 2025
10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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



Silent Preparation

*I stand by the door.
I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out,
The door is the most important door in the world –
It is the door through which people walk when they find God.
There's no use my going way inside, and staying there,
When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,
Crave to know where the door is.
And all that so many ever find
Is only the wall where a door ought to be,
They creep along the wall like blind people,
With outstretched, groping hands.
Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,
Yet they never find it . . .
So, I stand by the door.*

Sam Shoemaker in *I Stand By the Door, An Apologia for My Life*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Lord of the Dance"
Sydney Carter

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 52)

LEADER: We are like an olive tree, O Lord, flourishing in the house of God; we trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **For what You have done, we will always praise You in the presence of Your faithful people.**

LEADER: And we will hope in Your name, for Your name is good. 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**

"Jesus Paid It All"
No. 210

***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 1:15-29

THE MESSAGE

"An Apologia for Paul's Life and Ministry"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"The Solid Rock"
No. 404

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 Solid Rock" (reprise)