



# 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  
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Frank Sangster Finance  
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### CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon  
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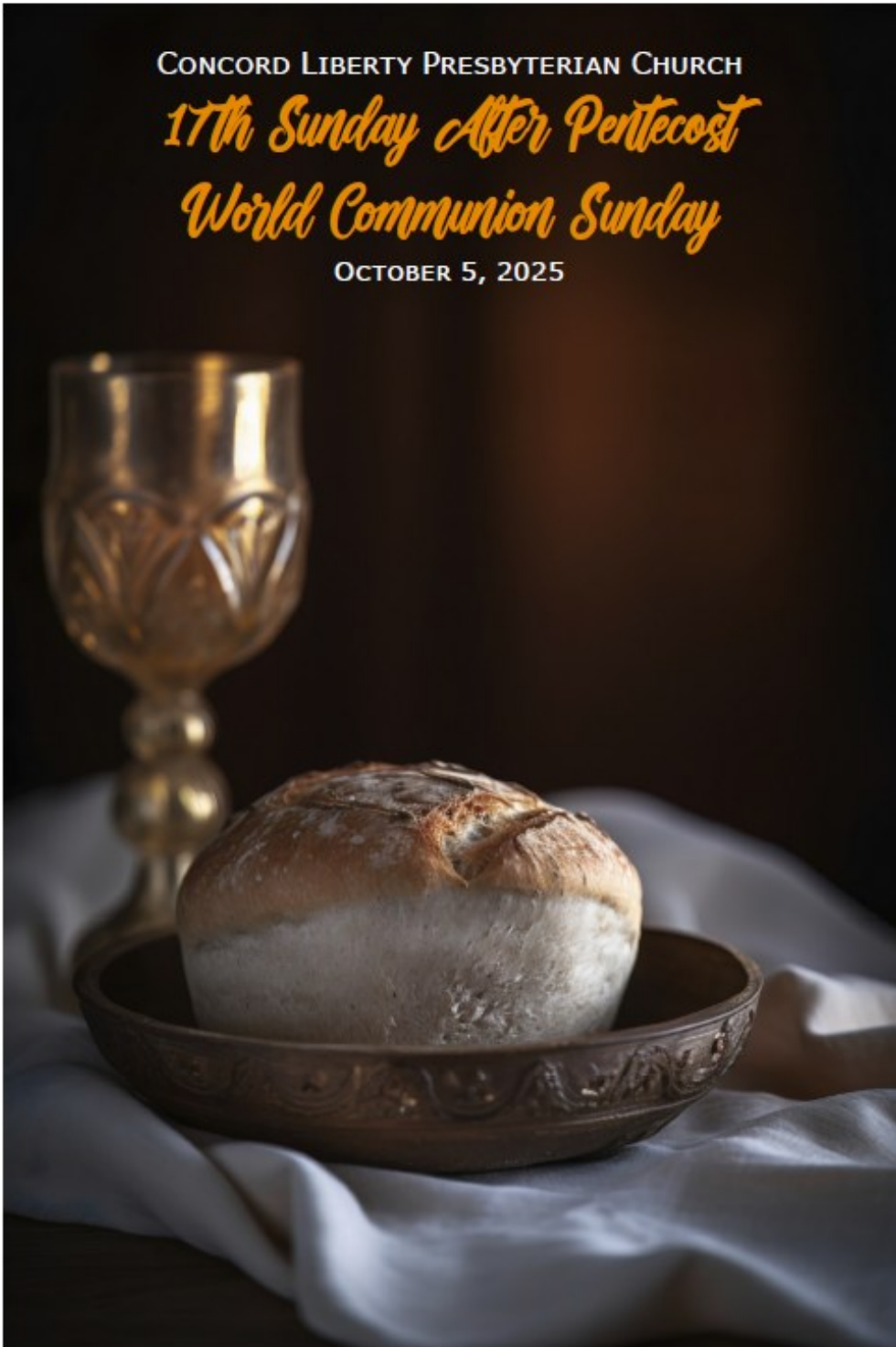
Denise Jingoian  
Dave Lengel

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



CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

17th Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

OCTOBER 5, 2025

## CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

October 5th

- 9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*  
10:00 am Worship Service, Communion  
Moment for Mission — David Wilkinson, Chop Point  
10:00 am First Fruits  
10:00 am KOTM Elementary — Susan Sangster, Mikayla Jones  
10:00 am KOTM Preschool — Judy McCleary  
Nursery Care — Carol Keeler, Betsy Saggese

### MONDAY

October 6th

- 7:15 pm Children's Ministry (Zoom)

### TUESDAY

October 7th

- 4:00 pm Property Committee (Library)  
7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)  
7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

October 8th

- 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 9th

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

### FRIDAY

October 10th

### SATURDAY

October 11th

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

**CONGREGATION MEETING NEXT SUNDAY  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP**

### Communion Cups Request!

Please place your used small Communion cups in the hole in the rack of the chair in front of you. The Deacons will collect the used cups and discard them. Thank you.



### DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Do you have questions or suggestions for Charlie Jones?  
Just want to discuss something?

**Please call or email Charlie at: 267-231-0824  
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# Sermon Notes

OCTOBER 5, 2025

## I. Fanning the Flame

II Timothy 1:1-14

### A. Context and History

1. This is Paul's final letter, written from prison in Rome, where he will remain until his execution under the emperor Nero.
2. It is written with great urgency and great affection and with an awareness that the letter will be read in the churches.
3. It is, therefore, a personal letter to Timothy regarding his pastoral ministry as well as a doctrinal letter to the churches written with apostolic authority.

### B. In verses 1 & 2, Paul asserts his title and authority as an apostle "by the will of God" and, in verses 3-5, he expresses his deep affection for Timothy who he regards as "my dear son" who he longs to see and who "fills him with joy".

1. He recalls Timothy's experience in coming to faith through the witness of his grandmother and mother (v. 3).
2. In verse 6, he cites the beginning of his own role in Timothy's life, indicating his privilege and authority in laying hands on Timothy either in his baptism or his ordination.
  - a. In this verse, he also introduces a picture/illustration that is foundational for Timothy's life and ministry as well as for all of us in the church.
  - b. The NIV translates it as "to fan into flame the gift of God."
  - c. This comes from the Greek word *anazopureo*.
  - d. *Zopureo* describes the embers of a fire in which the flames have ceased. By adding the prefix *ana*, the word takes on the meaning of "kindling anew the flames of the fire". Clarence Jordan, in his "Cotton Patch" translation, phrases it, "I'm reminding you to shake off the ashes of the God-given fire that's in you."
3. Everything Paul writes in the remainder of this passage is built on the "flaming" image.
  - a. Verse 7 – Don't be timid, but flame with power, love and self-discipline.
  - b. Verse 8 – Don't be ashamed of the gospel or of those who are persecuted for declaring it.
  - c. Verses 8-9 – Join them in their suffering and in their ministry, realizing that, by God's grace, we have been called to a holy (set apart) life.
4. Paul, again, asserts his authority as an apostle, evangelist and teacher (v. 11) and then describes the embers of the flames which keep him going: "because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day" (v. 12). **See Hymn #409.**

### C. Paul's commanding conclusion (v. 14).

"Guard the good deposit (the embers) that was entrusted to you –  
Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
17th Sunday After Pentecost, World Communion Sunday  
October 5, 2025  
10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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



### Silent Preparation

*There's no reason to believe that Timothy's fire had gone out – you can't rekindle that. But every fire needs repeated stirring and rearranging to keep it burning brightly. Here is a powerful insight into a reason why so many Christians are more like smoldering ashes than dancing fires. How do you rekindle the fire? Make some changes. Do some rearranging. If your devotional life is dull, try some different approaches. If your joy in Christ has cooled, try getting closer to someone else to renew the flame. Don't be surprised or alarmed when the flames go down – just shake off some ashes and get some new kindling!*

Gary Demarest in *The Communicator's Commentary*

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

"You Raise Me Up"  
Lovland/Graham  
Victoria Temple, Soloist

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 37)

**LEADER:** Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

**PEOPLE:** **Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

**LEADER:** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Come, let us worship our God!

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

*"We Have Come Into This House"*  
No. 588

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

David Wilkinson, Chop Point

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*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 Know Whom I Have Believed"*  
No. 409

**\*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 1:1-14

**THE MESSAGE**

"Fanning the Flame"  
Pastor John King

**\*HYMN**

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*  
No. 274

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Invitation to the Lord's Table  
The Prayer of Blessing  
The Lord's Prayer No. 426 (sung in unison)  
The Words of Institution  
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**LEADER:** We thank You, O God, that through Word and Sacrament You have given us Your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.

**PEOPLE:** **Strengthen us in Your service so that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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**

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (reprise)*