



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Come as Visitors - Leave as Friends - Return as Family"*

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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                            |
| Tom Long        | Property                           |
| Judy McCleary   | Discipleship                       |
| Tom McGrail     | Outreach, Communications, Missions |
| Frank Sangster  | Finance                            |
| Marian Spor     | Congregational Care                |
| 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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## *Third Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 23, 2025



## CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

March 23rd

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*  
 10:00 am Worship Service  
 10:00 am Nursery Care — Carol Keeler, Carol Nickey  
 10:00 am KOTM Pre-school and Elementary

### MONDAY

March 24th

### TUESDAY

March 25th

11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class, Sanctuary until 1 pm  
 7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

March 26th

11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class, Sanctuary until 1 pm  
 1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Time, Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)

### THURSDAY

March 27th

9:00 am Love and Learn Parents Meeting (Sanctuary)  
 12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, Sanctuary  
 7:15 pm Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study, Members' Homes

### FRIDAY

March 28th

### SATURDAY

March 29th

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@concordliberty.org) at least a week in advance of the respective service date.



### DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disaster, food for hungry, and support for the poor oppressed.

One Great Hour of Sharing giving lapses are located on the table in the narthex. Please take one and return it with your gift no later than Palm Sunday, April 13th. Checks should be marked with the designation of OGHS. Envelopes may be placed in the OGHS basket on the narthex table.

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# Sermon Notes

MARCH 23, 2025

## I. Ungodly Toleration

Revelation 2: 18-29

### The Church at Thyatira

#### A. The least important, but the longest message.

1. Geographically, it was located on the valley road that connected many of the major cities with Pergamum, the capital.
  - a. It was known as the gateway to Pergamum and was manned by a garrison of soldiers which made it the last impediment before Pergamum was attacked.
2. Its only religious significance was that it was home to a fortune telling shrine that had little impact on the church.
3. Its main economic importance was that it was the center of the dying industry and in the trading of woolen goods. This is where Lydia of Philippi (Acts 16) is from. The predominance of this industry was coupled with the importance of the trade guilds which were the seedbed for decadence and idolatry.

#### B. Jesus commends the church in several areas.

1. Verse 19 – for their “love and faith”, for their “service and perseverance”, and for their increasing obedience.
2. “Nevertheless, I have this against you” (v. 20).
  - a. “You tolerate that woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophet” (v. 20).
  - b. It is clear from the text that she is leading many in the church in a particularly horrendous form of heretical teaching similar to the Nicolaitans and the ancient teaching of Balaam.
  - c. She is well known and she knows what she is doing and she has refused to repent.
  - d. There has been much speculation through the years about who Jezebel is. Most scholars agree that she was not a metaphor of the evil Queen Jezebel, wife of King Ahab of Israel. She was using the church to play out her desire for power and control. Some have even theorized that she was Lydia, after a fall from grace, which is a cruel and foundationless speculation.
3. The trade guilds were a major part of the lives of the people. This would have included lavish parties offering meat sacrificed to idols and sexual immorality.
  - a. Jezebel encouraged them to participate in these things and many of them followed her teaching.
  - b. Her fate is clearly declared by the Lord (vv. 22-23).
4. Consequences for those who do not repent.
  - a. “I will repay each of you according to your deeds” (v. 23).

#### C. Assurance for the faithful (vv. 24-29).

1. Hold on! I will not further burden you” (vv. 24-25).
2. Rewards:
  - a. Authority over the nations (v. 26) – refers to Psalm 2:8-9, a messianic promise.
  - b. The morning star (v. 28) – Jesus is the morning star (Rev. 22:16).
  - c. In a nutshell, the reward is Jesus Himself!

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply  
Bev Massey, Worship Leader  
David Steel, Service Leader



### Silent Preparation

*A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another – or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate others for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble they cause me. Their faces, which hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, are transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother or sister for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner. This is a happy discovery for the Christian who begins to pray for others. There is no dislike, no personal tension, no estrangement that cannot be overcome by intercession.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“Liebesträume”  
Franz Liszt*

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 63)

**LEADER:** O God, You are our God, We see You and our souls thirst for You as though we were in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**PEOPLE:** **This is how we long for You as we look upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise You.**

**LEADER:** We will bless You as long as we live. We will lift up our hands and call on Your name. Come, let us worship our God!

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION**  
*"The Family of God"*  
No. 282

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Westminster Larger Catechism*)

**LEADER:** Question 195. What do we pray for in the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

**PEOPLE:** **In the sixth petition, which is "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," we acknowledge that the most wise, righteous, and gracious God may so order things that we may be assaulted, foiled and for a time led captive by temptations;**

**LEADER:** And that we, even after the pardon of our sins, by reason of our corruption and weakness, are not only subject to be tempted, but also of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist, recover or improve, exposing us as worthy to be left under the power of them;

**PEOPLE:** **We pray that God would so overrule the world and all in it, order all things, bestow and bless all means of grace, that we and all His people may, by His providence, be kept from being tempted by sin or, if tempted, that by His Spirit, we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation or, when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**  
*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (2X)*  
No. 334

**\*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 with joy, 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**  
Revelation 2:18-29

**THE MESSAGE**  
*"Ungodly Toleration"*  
Pastor John King

**\*HYMN**  
*"Open My Eyes That I May See"*  
No. 381

**BLESSING AND SENDING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**  
*"Lift High the Cross"*  
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,*  
*'Til all the world adore His sacred name.*

**POSTLUDE**  
*"Liebesträume" (reprise)*  
*We invite you, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.*