



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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CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon
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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



Ruins at Ephesus, Turkey

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

15th Sunday After Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

September 21st

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
10:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am KOTM Elementary — Beth Berstecher, Cheri Bates
10:00 am KOTM Preschool — Judy McCleary
10:00 am Nursery Care — Sandy Mueller, Betsy Saggese

MONDAY

September 22nd

7:30 am Nominating Committee (Zoom)

TUESDAY

September 23rd

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

September 24th

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

September 25th

12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Love and Learn Parent Orientation Night
7:15 pm Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study (members' homes)

FRIDAY

September 26th

SATURDAY

September 27th

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!



Shirl Long extends her appreciation to the entire CLPC Family — "Thank you for the prayers. Your kindness and caring mean so much to me."

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

Sermon Notes

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

- I. The Big Picture I Timothy 2:1-7
- A. Composition of the picture.
1. Prayer
 - a. Petitions (*deeseis*) – urgent requests. Foster – “bullet prayers”.
 - b. Prayers (*proseuchas*) – the general term for prayer; devotional; includes general requests and specific needs made known to God.
 - c. Intercession (*entauxeis*) – this word occurs only three times in the New Testament; pleading on behalf of others. Represents having intimate access to petition the King of all creation.
 - d. Thanksgiving (*eucharistias*) – expressing gratitude in our communication/conversation with God.
 2. For whom?
 - a. “For all people” (v. 1). Now, that’s a tall order!
 - b. “For kings and all those in authority” (v. 2).
 3. For what purpose?
 - a. “That we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (v. 2).
 - b. To “please God our Savior” (v. 3).
- B. Why is this impetus of prayer crucial, strategic and pleasing to God our Savior (v. 3)?
1. Because God our Savior “wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (v. 4).
 - a. Universalists have used this verse as their foundational proof text to claim the inclusive salvation of all people.
 - b. This betrays a misunderstanding of humanity’s volition (free will) and God’s immutable (unchanging) justice.
 - c. We must take into account the different kinds of wills of God: Dispositional (Perfect, Normative), Permissive, and Efficacious (Ultimate, Sovereign).
 2. God satisfies justice by “giving himself as a ransom for all people” (v. 6).
 - a. This requires a response of repentance to be appropriated.
- C. Paul concludes by reminding Timothy that many (including the church at Ephesus which Timothy is serving) have received this witness (v. 8) and that he, Paul, continues to serve as an apostle, herald and teacher to the Gentiles, the ministry for which he had been set apart since his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14th Sunday After Pentecost
September 21, 2025
10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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Saint Francis of Assisi by Jusepe de Ribera, 1642

Silent Preparation

*O Most High Glorious God,
Enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me
a right faith,
a certain hope,
and a perfect love, understanding and knowledge
O Lord,
that I may carry out your holy and true command. Amen.*
Francis of Assisi

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Finlandia
Jean Sebelius

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 113)

LEADER: Praise the Lord, you His servants. Let the name of the Lord be praised both now and forevermore.

PEOPLE: **From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

LEADER: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God who sits enthroned on high? Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

"We Will Glorify"
No. 72

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**

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
No. 296

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

LEADER: O God, the source of all that is good, we bring You our gifts that have come through Your generosity.

PEOPLE: **Enable us to give You the love of our hearts and the service of our lives.**

LEADER: Let Your favor, which is life, and Your loving-kindness, which is better than life, be upon us now and always.

PEOPLE: **All that we have is Yours, Lord Christ. All that we have is You. Amen.**

***DOXOLOGY**

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

SCRIPTURE

I Timothy 2:1-7

THE MESSAGE

"The Big Picture"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
No. 427

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

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" (reprise)