



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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### 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  
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Carolyn & Dan Hennings,  
World Impact

Michele Rickett — She is Safe

David & Bethany Wilkinson,  
Chop Point

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City Team - Chester

Cornerstone Christian Academy

Young Life of Delaware County

Greenhouse Project

Delaware County Pregnancy Center

Doug Dicks, PCUSA's Regional Mission  
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CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

AUGUST 17, 2025



# CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

August 17th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*  
10:00 am Worship Service  
10:00 am Nursery Care — Carol Keeler, Carol Nickey

## MONDAY

August 18th

## TUESDAY

August 19th

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY

August 20th

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

August 21st

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

## FRIDAY

August 22nd

## SATURDAY

August 23rd

### FALL ACTIVITIES REMINDER

For the Concord Liberty Fall Calendar, please remember to email Fall meeting times and activities for all Bible Study groups and ministries to [office@concordliberty.org](mailto:office@concordliberty.org). If you've already sent yours in, **THANK YOU!**

# 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.

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.

**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.



**Would you like to be a Sunday Children's Ministry Nursery-Preschool-Elementary Volunteer?**



The 2025-2026 Kids on the Move Sunday School schedule is being developed and Children's Ministry is recruiting new volunteers! No experience needed! Just a loving heart and a willingness to care for kids! Interested? Email [office@concordliberty.org](mailto:office@concordliberty.org) or contact Judy McCleary or Lynn Lista.

# Sermon Notes

AUGUST 17, 2025

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10th Sunday After Pentecost

August 17, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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



### Silent Preparation

*Our author has included this passage for a very definite reason. As he looks into the future, he sees the high probability of persecution coming down heavily on the lives of his readers. We can sense that he does not wish to indulge them in sympathy, but to stir them to stand as did those who have gone before. Do they think they can get off with any less commitment or cost than the saints who earlier bore their witness? No, what was required of the past will be required of this generation.*

Louis Evans, Jr. in *Mastering the New Testament, Hebrews*

\*Congregation is requested to stand if able.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as to not interrupt the service.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*"Prelude Op. 28, No. 20 in C Minor"*  
F. Chopin

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 80:1, 3, 18)

**LEADER:** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

#### I. Remember It by Heart

Hebrews 12:1-3

##### A. A pep rally and a relay race.

1. Stirring images meant to both inspire us and to challenge us. The letter has become a sermon!
2. "Surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses" (v. 1).
  - a. *Nephos* – the Greek word used in verse 1 for cloud. This is the only time it is used in the New Testament. It commonly means a number of clouds in the sky as opposed to the more common *nephele* which means a single cloud.
  - b. With this in mind, the reader is encouraged to see oneself as a participant in a great relay race (Phillips – "these serried ranks of witnesses"), teaming up with the saints who have gone before us and passing the baton to us, and then, as we run the race, we pass the baton to the faithful who follow us.

##### B. How do we prepare and run?

1. Discipline – Pay attention to every detail.
  - a. "Throw off everything that hinders" (v.1). This is going to vary for each of us. What are some of the things that have become part of our lives that prevent us from seeing Jesus clearly?
2. "Run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (v. 1).
  - a. This is our leg of the race to run. We need to stay on course.
  - b. The key is to stay focused on Jesus, "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (v. 2). He has already run the most difficult leg of the race. "For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross" (v. 2).
3. Be prepared for obstacles as you continue to be focused on Jesus.
  - a. He is now in the joyful victory seat, "the right hand of the throne of God" (v. 2).
  - b. Remember that He and other saints "endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (v. 3).

##### C. Memorize these three verses so that they become a part of your heart and life, challenging you, inspiring you, and encouraging you that a host of witnesses are running along beside you!

1. Remember: "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion" (Phillipians 1:6).

PEOPLE: **Restore us, O God. Let Your face shine, that we may be saved.**

LEADER: Give us life and we will call on Your name. Come, let us worship our God!

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

*"Cover Me" (2 Times)*  
No. 469

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Charles, Laura, Mikayla and Noah Jones

**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**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*  
No. 184

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

LEADER: Blessed are You, God of all creation.

PEOPLE: **Through Your goodness we have these gifts to share.**

LEADER: Accept and use our offerings for Your glory and for the service of Your kingdom. **Amen.**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 12:1-3

**THE MESSAGE**

*"Remember It by Heart"*  
Pastor John King

**\*HYMN**

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"*  
No. 79

**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**

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (reprise)*