



CONCORD LIBERTY

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

"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.

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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

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday

APRIL 6, 2025



The Light of the World (1851-1854), by William Hunt Holman, representing the figure of Jesus preparing to knock on an overgrown and long-unopened door, illustrating Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me". The door in the painting has no handle, and can therefore be opened only from the inside, representing "the obstinately shut mind". The painting was considered by many to be the most important and culturally influential rendering of Christ of its time.

CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

April 6th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
10:00 am Worship Service, Communion
10:00 am First Fruits
10:00 am Nursery Care — Judy McCleary, Sandy Mueller
10:00 am KOTM Pre-school and Elementary

MONDAY

April 7th

Mary Ann will not be in the office today
7:15 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

TUESDAY

April 8th

10:00 am Women's Ministry Team Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class, Sanctuary until 1 pm
7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

April 9th

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

April 10th

All Day Love and Learn Art Show
12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, Sanctuary
7:15 pm Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study, Members' Homes

FRIDAY

April 11th

All Day Love and Learn Art Show

SATURDAY

April 12th

10:00 am VBS Decorating (until 2 pm)
1:00 pm Love and Learn Easter Egg Hunt (church grounds)

CONCORD LIBERTY HIGHLIGHTS

WORSHIP

To view live or recent worship services, please go to the Concord Liberty YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@concordlibertychurch19342streams>
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.

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:
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**NEXT SUNDAY!
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
APRIL 13, PALM SUNDAY**

Sermon Notes

APRIL 6, 2025

I. Either One or the Other

Revelation 3:14-22

The Church at Laodicea (on the Lycus)

A. A thriving commercial city because major roads passed through it. Because of the geography of the region, the roads that led from Ephesus and Pergamum to the east and to the northern Mediterranean coast went through Laodicea. It was the only way to avoid the steeper ascents through the mountain range.

1. As the Roman empire developed and peace prevailed in the region, Laodicea, which was previously a small fortress, began to boom with prosperity.
2. The city became known for three major activities.
 - a. It was a financial and banking center (think Sioux Falls, SD or Wilmington, DE). Its wealth was augmented by the heavy Jewish population whose temple tax produced an unusually distinctive wealth and influence.
 - b. It was a center for clothing manufacturing (their sheep had violet-black wool!).
 - c. It was a medical center, particularly famous for ointments for the ears and the eyes.

3. It accomplished these things despite few natural springs to provide a water supply of its own. Water had to be brought in by underground aqueducts from miles away.

B. This is the only church about which the Lord has nothing good to say.

1. "You are lukewarm" (v. 16). Distasteful to the Lord, just as the lukewarm water brought in by aqueducts is distasteful to them.
2. You think you're rich, but you're poor; you think you're finely clothed, but you're naked; you think that your medicines have preserved your sight, but you're blind.
3. Repent! So I can make you rich, give you clothes to wear, and enable you to see!
4. The invitation: "I stand at the door and knock." E.g., William Holman Hunt painting, "The Light of the World" (v. 20).
5. The victory (v.21) – "At the right hand of God the Father Almighty!"

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday

April 6, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

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Silent Preparation

God has erected a strange, marvelous, and wonderful sign in the world, where we all can find him – I mean the cross of Jesus Christ, the cross of the suffering love of God. Let us look at the love of Christ who without guilt bore the cross. Why? Because he had loved his people more than himself. And then let us consider our own feebleness and our own want of courage, our anxiety when sorrow and grief threaten, our selfish desire to live a comfortable and careless life. In profound and serious humility, we Christian people must confess that we are not worthy of such great love of God.

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

"Were You There"
Author Unknown

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 126:1-2, 4a, 6)

LEADER: When the Lord restored the fortunes of God's people, we were like those who dream.

PEOPLE: **Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

LEADER: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, so that those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy. Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

"Because He Lives" (Refrain)
No. 213

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**

"Freely, Freely"
No. 447

***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

Revelation 3:14-22

THE MESSAGE

"Either One or the Other"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"Nothing But the Blood"
No. 195

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: Eternal God, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His body and blood.

PEOPLE: Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

"Were You There" (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.