



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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Gary Cannon
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Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon
InnerChange
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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
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CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

AUGUST 3, 2025



*Sponsored by the Women's Ministry,
Ice Cream Social at Concord Liberty Today!*

CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

August 3rd

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*
10:00 am Worship Service, Communion
10:00 am First Fruits
10:00 am Nursery Care — Cheri Bates, Judy McCleary
11:00 am **ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY!**
IN THE GETZ ROOM & THE LIBRARY!
PLEASE JOIN US!

MONDAY

August 4th

7:15 pm Children's Ministry Monthly Meeting (Zoom)

TUESDAY

August 5th

7:00 pm Monthly Session Meeting (Library)
7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

August 6th

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 7th

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

FRIDAY

August 8th

SATURDAY

August 9th

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.

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.

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.



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

Due to Summer Vacation Schedules

THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR AV COVERAGE ON AUGUST 3rd.
THERE WILL ALSO BE NO LIVE STREAMING AUGUST 3rd.
Concord Liberty will return to live streaming of the Sunday services on Sunday, August 10th. Thanks for your understanding.

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.



Sermon Notes

AUGUST 3, 2025

- I. Heads Up! Colossians 3:1-11
- A. Author and pastor Craig Barnes, in his book *The Pastor As Minor Poet*, makes note of the popular question, "What would Jesus do?", derived from Charles Sheldon's bestselling book *In His Steps*. Barnes suggests that the better question to ask is, "What is Jesus doing?"
1. His point is that, "the first question assumes that the Savior is on the sidelines and the burden of life and work is on our shoulders. On the other hand, the question 'What is Jesus doing?' is built on the conviction that He is alive, reigning, and at work in our lives ... He is in our situation and that changes everything about our mission ... we take on the identity of being witnesses who watch and testify to His continued work of salvation that is unfolding before our eyes." (p. 59)
 2. We get to join in on the work that Christ is doing!
- B. Paul's imperatives for seeing and participating in what Christ is doing.
1. Verse 1 - Heads up! "Set your hearts on things above" ...
 - a. This doesn't mean daydreaming about heaven, but having a kingdom of God perspective on earthly things.
 - b. This enables us to see and participate in the presence and work of Christ in earthly things.
 2. Verse 5 - Kill it! "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature."
 - a. Paul's list includes sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed.
 - b. These will serve as cataracts in our lives, blocking us from seeing Jesus' work and serving with Him.
 3. Verse 8 - Unload it! "Rid yourselves of all such things." Junk from your previous life.
 - a. Paul's inventory includes "anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."
 - b. With all that baggage, how can we be clear to see what Jesus is doing and join together with Him in His ministry?
 4. Verse 10 - Put on the new look! We are a new creation in Christ. The old self has "to be taken off... with its practices" (v. 9).
 - a. As we focus on what Jesus is doing, our lives take on a "new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator" (v. 10.)
- C. As Paul affirmed to the Galatian churches, when we see what Christ is doing, it becomes clear that there "is not Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all" (v. 11).

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8th Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply

Bev Massey, Worship Leader

David Steel, Service Leader

Victoria Temple, Soloist



Silent Preparation

Clearly, Jesus' incarnation, ministry, cross, and resurrection make up the decisive turning point in the great drama of salvation. But the Kingdom is still coming. However, it comes not through our efforts at doing work, but through the ongoing ministry of the ascended and reigning Son of God, who completes his own work through the Holy Spirit. One of the means through which the Spirit fulfills Christ's work is by binding or yoking us to the life and work of the Son so that we may participate in what Jesus is doing.

Craig Barnes in *The Pastor As Minor Poet*

*Congregation is requested to stand if able.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Love of God"
Hastings/Lake
Victoria Temple, Soloist

LEADER:

Let us join in worshiping the Lord our God.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 107)

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

PEOPLE: **Let us exalt Him in the assembly of the people and praise Him in the council of the elders.**

LEADER: The upright see and rejoice. Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord. Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

"Cover Me" (2 Times)
No. 469

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**

"Whiter Than Snow"
No. 436

***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 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

Colossians 3:1-11

THE MESSAGE

"Heads Up!"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"I'll Live for Him"
No. 370

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

"I'll Live for Him" (reprise)