



LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



Sunday, January 13, 2019

Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Barry

Missions Ministry Minute

Chris Cox

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:1-8

***Gathering Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of ev'ning find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

For small children who need it, we invite you to the room designed for them at the rear of the older sanctuary.

***Those who are able please stand.**

Confession of Faith

Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that He may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

-Heidelberg Catechism, #86

Confession of Sin

Lord, we cry to You to heal our wounds. We call to You in distress and plead for Your salvation. We have sinned against Your law and failed to do Your will; we confess that we've disobeyed Your holy Word. We pray, purge our lives of selfishness and our hearts of bitterness. Lead us back to righteousness; save us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Prayer of Ulrich Zwingli (1529)

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 33:6-9

Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

Praise Team

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell/Matt Papa/Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes

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***Hymn of Praise**

Lord I Need You

Matt Maher

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
(to bridge - 2nd time)

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
(to chorus 1)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
(to chorus 2)

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness

Oh God how I need You
Oh you are my one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

***Reading of Scripture**

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

[Children ages 4-2nd grade are dismissed for Wonders of Worship
(Children's Church) with Dave & Joyella Stafford]

Shepherding Prayer

Elder Chuck Klein

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Garrett Harmon

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Sermon

A Greater Baptism

Pastor Nathan

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the lepers spots and melt the heart of stone (*Refrain*)

Verse 3

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat (*Refrain*)

Bridge

Oh, praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (*2x*)

***Benediction**

***Hymn of Glory**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above the heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Reverend Nathan Moretto

Reverend Dr. Barry Cureton

Mr. Ron Smith, Music Director

Mr. David Tracht, Music Director

Mrs. Susan Smith, Choir Director

Mrs. Linda Runkles, Organist

Mr. Chuck Mitchell. Pianist

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The Elders welcome the opportunity to meet you, talk with you or pray for you after church. They will be stationed by the Communion Table following the service.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Questions

1. Why does John's message occur in the wilderness? What is the connection between the wilderness and the Church?
2. How does the Church of God fight evil? In what ways must the Church be united?
3. How does the Word of God come to the Church, and how must the Church respond to the Word? What does this response entail? What is the effect of God's Word upon the hearer of faith?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On January 27th we will have our semi-annual congregational meeting immediately after the worship service. We will be providing lunch but we ask that people bring their own drinks. We will have ice and cups.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Nominating Committee, elect a treasurer and vote to receive the year end reports.

There is also a Motion from the Session to make an exception to By-Laws Article II, Governing Boards: The Session to allow for the election of Steve

Bird (for one year) and Chuck Klein (for two years) without a Sabbatical due to the special circumstances of a small current Session and the transition of a new Senior Pastor.

Motion from the Session to amend the By-Laws Article III, Nominations:

1. To ADD the line “A Pastor will serve as a non-voting advisory member of the Nominating Committee.”
2. To ADD the line, “Each recommendation will designate whether the nominee is for the office of Elder or for the office of Deacon.”



Please pick up your 2019 Envelopes today!

Envelopes for 2019 have been moved to the back of the old sanctuary. Please note that **ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED. If you have been doing online banking, you will need to alert your bank to your new number.** If you want physical envelopes and they aren't on the table in the back, please call the church office or Chris Bohmer at 410-795-4872. **If you are a regular visitor and have been giving, you have envelopes assigned to you.**

To replace, - Those individuals whose names appear on the approved list "shall be contacted by the Nominating Committee" to "shall be contacted by the Session."

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for sound system trainees. If you are interested, call the church office or see Joseph Kraus.

Upcoming Event

Missions Sunday - January 20th. Please join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. as Chris and Victoria Cox share how the Lord is working in their lives through their ministry in Cambodia.

Small Group

The Acts 2:42 Small Group will be meeting after morning worship on Sunday, February 3rd in the Fellowship Hall directly after the morning

service for food and fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Jesse Harlan.

Thank You Notes

Liberty Church Congregation,

Thank you so much for your willingness to buy gifts for the teenagers at the Children's Home in Catonsville. Each child received two to three gifts from us due to your generosity.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Gannon & Erin Tracht

Dear Liberty,

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for all of the prayers and support over the last two years. Between the loss of my husband, being on the search committee and now my surgery, I know I couldn't have made it through all of this without the help and prayers of my church family. I love you all and am blessed beyond measures.

Charlotte Crone

Men's Ministry

ATTENTION LIBERTY MEN: Teenaged, Young, Middle and AARP Aged You are invited this coming Saturday January 19th from 7pm - 10pm for Liberty's monthly men's outreach to the Baltimore Rescue Mission. Transportation will be provided. This ministry allows Liberty's men to connect with each other and advance God's kingdom in a service of prayer, reading Scripture, singing hymns, and sharing short messages to the men at the mission. No one needs to speak unless he chooses – so there's no pressure. If you'd like to participate, please contact Jeff Watkins at 410.402.0250 or jefferydeanwatkins@gmail.com.

Change in Tuesday morning Men's Bible study

The participants of the Isaiah **Men's** Bible study at Denny's on Tuesday mornings have decided to try a different venue and time. Starting this coming Monday we will be meeting at 7PM in the Parlor (or elsewhere if there is a conflict) at Liberty Church. We are presently in Chapter 44 of the Book of Isaiah. **All men, feel free to join us.**

Youth Group

Our Youth Directors are Phill and Kelly Thomas. Please contact them for more information at office@libertychurchpca.org or if you would like to be added to the email list to find out about Youth Group activities.

Youth Group meets every Sunday from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Block House.

Focus on Missions **Christian Community Center**

This week's focus is on a local mission that many of you are aware of and have helped over the years – the Christian Community Center in the heart of Baltimore (1412 Hollins St.). They minister to the spiritual, physical, emotional, social and material needs of inner-city residents in southwest Baltimore, especially children, teenagers, and their parents. They faithfully teach the Word of God to lead those who attend the Center to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to establish them in the Christian faith. They encourage Christian living among the parents and the establishment of Christian homes. Their primary means of doing this is through after-school programs to the neighborhood kids. They also have Women's and Men's Bible studies, transportation to Grace Bible Baptist Church programs – Worship, Wednesday night dinner and activities, a basketball program for older boys, and two one-week camp programs, now at Penn-Grove Retreat. They also operate the Center Store which provides clothing, household items, school supplies and toys available at no charge to those who attend the Center. In September, they started a scholarship fund to send two girls to a Christian high school.

The Christian Community Center (CCC) started as a branch of a local mission founded in 1952. CCC became a separate, independent



Tom Homans and his wife



Front of Christian Community Center

organization on April 11, 1991. Tom Homans is their tireless Director, ably helped by his wife and many volunteers.

Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for Terry and others who have come to know the Lord and successfully completed college or found work and volunteered as counselors at camp this summer.
- For wisdom and energy for Tom Homans as he leads the center.
- Provision for more volunteer and financial help, including for the high school scholarship fund.
- For continued harvest of folks coming to faith through the ministry of Christian Community Center, as well as



Camp Photo

meeting other needs among families in the community.



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Sunday School for all ages	9:30 am—10:30 am	VP
Coffee Fellowship	10:30 am– 10:45 am	FH
Worship Service	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	SAN
CLV Worship Service	3:00 pm– 4:00 pm	OC
Youth Group	6:30 pm—8:30 pm	BH

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

Open Hearts Ministry	6:00 pm	FH
Missions, Mercy Needs, FMC & Property Committee Meetings	7:00 pm	VP
Men's Bible Study/formerly Tues morn (Isaiah)	7:00 pm	TBD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Prayer Meeting	6:30 pm-7:00 pm	P
Stockade	6:30 pm—8:00 pm	LCS
Pioneer Girls	6:30 pm—8:00 pm	FH
Choir Practice	7:00 pm– 9:00 pm	SAN
Men's Bible Study (Acts)	7:00 pm—8:00 pm	P

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Men's Night Out at Smokies	6:00 pm	OC
Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm– 8:30 pm	FH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

Baltimore Rescue Mission Men's Ministry	7:00 pm	OC
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Sunday School for all ages/ Missions Sunday	9:30 am– 10:30 am	VP
Coffee Fellowship	10:30 am - 10:45 am	FH
Worship Service	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	SAN
Youth Group	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	BH


FH-Fellowship Hall • P-Parlor • LCS-School • VP-Various Places

SAN-Sanctuary • OS-Old Sanctuary • OC- Off Campus • BH- Block House

SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

	January 13	January 20
Nursery 9:30 a.m.	Lisa Byrd	Linda Anderson
Combined Nursery 10:30 a.m. Noah's Ark Room	Peggy Walker, Beth Harlan	Meghan Ruch, Becky Vega
Lock-up	Chris Byrd, Tedd Tracy	Charles Hancock, Steve Vega
Sound	Anthony Anderson	Daniel Hancock
Greeters	Alan & Barbara Hunzeker	Ken & Debbie Stetson
Usher Team Leader	Kurt Reiblich	

Missions Sunday, January 20th		
Adult Sunday School Classes		
<i>Hebrews (Continued)</i>	Charles Cate	Fellowship Hall
<i>Westminster Confession of Faith</i>	Barry Cureton	Parlor
<i>Ladies Class Deuteronomy</i>	Joyce Klein	Fellowship Hall



Pencil this date in your
CALENDAR

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019

After the worship service



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