



LIBERTY
CHURCH, PCA

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Barry

Ministry Minute

Phill Thomas

Silent Reflection and Meditation

Linda Runkles

-Psalm 4, Geneva Psalter (1539)

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:3-6

***Gathering Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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Confession of Faith

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained. And therefore, we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits, and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him. That is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God's approach.

-Belgic Confession, Article 23

Confession of Sin

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

- adapted from Psalm 25

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-2

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Those who are able please stand.

Invocation

*Hymns of Praise

Praise Team

It is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

*It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

***Reading of Scripture**

Luke 5:12-23

¹² While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ¹³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest,

and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”¹⁵ But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities.¹⁶ But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus,¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus.²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts?²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?”²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God.²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

[Children ages 4-2nd grade are dismissed for Wonders of Worship
(Children’s Church) with Denise Madden & Maxine Saylor]

For children who are restless and vocal, please make use of the Cry Room in the back of the Old Sanctuary or the nursery downstairs.

Shepherding Prayer Pastor Barry

Offertory *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* Praise Team

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Sermon Washed and Clean Pastor Nathan

***Hymn of Response**

O Come to the Altar

Elevation Worship

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling (*to chorus*)

Bridge

Oh what a savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen (*to chorus*)

Ending

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you found

***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 QUESTIONS

1. What are the social and ceremonial ramifications of being 'unclean' or of being a leper? Besides, leprosy, in what other ways are we unclean?
2. How does Christ make us clean? Is this cleansing instantaneous, or over the course of our life?
3. How does cleansing connect to forgiveness of sins? Why did Christ heal the paralytic of both his physical and spiritual ailments?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Class

Our Membership Class starts on April 28 and will go for 7 weeks, ending on June 9th. It will take place during the Sunday school hour at 9:30am. Please contact Steve Madden at sbyronm@gmail.com for further details and if you are planning on attending the class.

Men's/Women's Prayer

Join us for prayer every Sunday morning from 9:00 am–9:20 am in the Fellowship Hall. Men's prayer is led by Pastor Nathan and the Women's prayer is led by Lynnda Bird.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Right after worship today, Children's Choir will meet in the choir room for Palm Sunday and Easter. The choir is open to all children ages 4-12. Spread the word to any parents whose children are not already singing with us. Contact Susan Smith at 410-476-7273 or Susang.smith79@gmail.com with any questions.

Church Work Day-Saturday, March 30th.

The Property Committee will be holding a Church Work Day on Saturday, March 30th from 9am-12 pm. There are fallen trees and debris behind the Mission House to cut. We need people to bring their own chainsaws. This is an outdoor event, if it rains, the Work Day will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 6th. Come help us and get free firewood or just help and enjoy the fellowship. Some of the men in the Amen Bible study are planning to stay after to help so if you haven't come to Bible Study yet, this would be a good day to do both. If you have any questions, contact Tom Crone at 410-428-4262.

Thank You Notes

Dear Liberty Family,

Many thank yous for all the cards and especially prayers for my recent hip surgery. The prayers were felt very deeply.

In Christ,
Pat Schlitzer

Dear Liberty Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, notes, phone calls, and flowers regarding my laser eye surgery. You are such a comfort to me. All went well and I look forward to *seeing* you next Sunday as we praise Our Lord together.

Thanks,
Anne Frampton

Paint Nite Rocks

Ladies, *Fill My Cup Ministry* is rocking a new Paint Nite! Please join us for a unique craft night on Friday, March 22 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will learn how to paint rocks releasing their hidden whimsical, beauty! No artistic ability needed...just a fun teachable heart!

Please sign up to attend: Donna Hancock 410-549-4589
hancockclan87@gmail.com or Debbie Tucker 410-902-4997
debatucker@hotmail.com

Ladies Of Liberty

Babies, Babies, Babies....Chris & Buck Bohmer are having difficulty with multiplication...you see, their family is growing very quickly. Heidi & Thomas had their sweet little Meredith this past fall. Now Chris & Buck are proud to share that their daughters, Lauren Partlow and Kelly Thomas, are both expecting their first child this coming summer...at the same time! Wow! Since Lauren and Keith live in upper New York, we wanted to find a way to "Shower" Lauren and Kelly so they can both attend each other's Shower. We hope that you will be able to join us for one of the Celebrations!

We are planning a **Friend & Family Double Shower** for both Mommas ...many of you have been a part of both Lauren and Kelly's lives growing up and we hope that you will join us in this "Down Pouring" of love for their growing families.

When: March 30th at 10:00

Where: Liberty Church Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP by March 23rd

Hosted by: BASHM Moms

We are also planning a **Church Family Shower for Kelly** since she and Phill have touched the lives of so many at Liberty Church in recent years. We know there are so many who wish to show their support to Kelly, Phill and their little one!

When: April 27th at 10:00

Where: Liberty Church Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP by 20th

Hosted by: Grandmas, Chris & Sabrina and the Bible Study Group

Note: Gift Registry ideas and RSVP, contact Donna Hancock 410-549-4589 hancockclan87@gmail.com

AMEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a weekly men's Bible study taught by Pastor Nathan every Saturday morning. We meet in the sanctuary, with breakfast and coffee provided at 7:15 am. Teaching starts at 7:30 am. Our first study will be the Book of Daniel. Contact Jesse Harlan for more information at jesse.harlan@gmail.com

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.

YOUTH SPRING BLAZE

Multi-church youth event coming up **Sat April 6, 5-9:15 pm** .

This event is for 6th - 12th grade.

Where: Good Hope Presbyterian Church 12131 Rt 216, Fulton MD

Talk to Phill and Kelly if you are interested in attending.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting began on Wednesday, March 5 and ends on April 14. Pray that God will raise up many to pray at Hillcrest in Catonsville and the downtown Planned Parenthood. Pray that many lives will be spared, that abortion workers will leave these jobs, and that those who have been involved with abortion will find forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ. Sign up to pray at these locations at 40daysforlife.com/catonsville.

Please be praying!

Camp Liberty

Join us this summer for Camp Liberty!

Camp registration is now available on the Liberty Christian School website. Camp Liberty will operate from June 17th through August 23rd and will be available for children 4 years old through 6th grade. We offer engaging activities each week that provide opportunities to draw closer to God, help prevent summer slide, and keep kids active and engaged. Specialty Camp registration will be available soon! These Specialty Camps will be available for children 4th through 8th grade and will include sports, art, fashion, and beginners robotics. Please contact Sarah Crowe at summercamp@libertychristian.us for more information or if you have any questions.

Focus on Missions

Mission to North America

Our church supports Mission to North America (MNA), which is the home mission arm of our denomination (PCA). MNA coordinates church planting, church renewal, and missional partnerships to serve PCA churches and presbyteries in North America in their mission to grow and multiply biblically healthy churches. They desire that God will transform the PCA into a grassroots church planting culture. Their Church Planting Service provides resources and guidance to churches and presbyteries as they recruit and assess church planter candidates, assist church planters in fundraising, help them with placement, and provide training, support, coaching and mentoring. MNA also comes along side local church ministries to immigrants & refugees, including ESL; prison ministries; and disability ministries.

MNA supports a number of related ministries, ones that you might be interested in (besides church planting):

- Short-term missions
- Second Career service
- Disaster Relief – They are presently helping PCA folks in the Alabama tornado disaster, as well as the California fires, and hurricane relief in the South
- Chaplain ministry

Ministry to State, which we focused on last year, headed up by Chuck Garriott

The range of work MNA does is so large, justice cannot be done on this page. You may also be interested in getting involved, so visit their website at “<https://pcamna.org/>”.

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for laborers for the harvest. Ask that God will lead many to pursue church planting, and that through them people will be reached with the gospel.
- Join Church Planter Brian Hough of Manhattan Presbyterian Church in Manhattan KS in praising God for the donor interested in purchasing a building for the church. Pray that God will build his church and prepare the hearts of the congregation for whatever outcome is his will.
- Prayer for MNA Disaster Relief teams as they respond and minister to victims of disaster, particularly from the hurricanes and fires last year.



In inner city Orlando, Florida





THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

<i>Men's Women's Prayer</i>	9:00 am—9:20 am	FH
<i>Sunday School for all ages</i>	9:30 am—10:30 am	VP
<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	10:30 am—10:45 am	FH
<i>Worship Service</i>	10:45 am —12:15 pm	SAN
<i>Youth Group</i>	6:30 pm—8:30 pm	BH

MONDAY, MARCH 18

<i>Sykesville Small Group</i>	7:00 pm—8:30 pm	VL
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TUESDAY MARCH 19

<i>Men's Bible Study at Denny's (Isaiah)</i>	7:00 am-- 8:30 am	OC
<i>Battalion at Chapelgate</i>	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	OC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	7:00 pm- 8:30 pm	FH
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FRIDAY, MARCH 22

<i>Ladies' Nite Rocks</i>	6:30 pm	FH
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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

<i>AMEN Bible Study</i>	7:30 am	SAN
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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

<i>Men's/Women's Prayer</i>	9:00 am-9:20 am	FH
<i>Sunday School for all ages</i>	9:30 am- 10:30 am	VP
<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	10:30 am - 10:45 am	FH
<i>Worship Service</i>	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	SAN
<i>Acts 2:42 Small Group</i>	12:30 pm	FH
<i>CLV Service</i>	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	OC
<i>Youth Group</i>	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

	March 17	March 24
Nursery 9:30 a.m.	Linda Anderson	Donna Hancock
Combined Nursery 10:30 a.m. Noah's Ark Room	Meghan Ruch, Becky Vega	Lynn Smith, Mary Ellen Gannon
Lock-up	Ken Stetson, Joseph Kraus	Fred Walker, Ben Weinreich
Sound	Daniel Hancock	Joe Kraus
Greeters	Gus & Carol Katsampis	Oliver & Fiona Dearden
Usher Team Leader	Geof Smith	

Adult Sunday School Classes

<i>Jonah</i>	Charles Cate	Fellowship Hall
<i>Westminster Confession of Faith</i>	Barry Cureton	Parlor
<i>Ladies Class Deuteronomy</i>	Joyce Klein	Fellowship Hall

Dates of Interest:

Ladies' Nite Rocks.....	March 22
AMEN Bible study	March 23
Men's/Women's Prayer	Mar 24
AMEN Bible study	March 30
Church Work Day	March 30
Men's/Women's Prayer	Mar 31

FEBRUARY MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
TOTAL INCOME AS OF 2/28/19	\$109,283.00	\$111,923.00	(\$2,640.00)
EXPENSES AS OF 2/28/19	\$108,647.00	\$111,923.00	\$3,276.00
GAIN/(LOSS) AS OF 2/28/19			\$636.00

Prayer List

For our Church Family and needs in the Body

- Praise to the birth of the Harlan's baby boy on Thursday, March 7th.
- Praise that Jeff and Katie Jordan are expecting a baby girl in mid-June.
- Praise that Chuck Klein's surgery went smoothly. The family requests that visiting be delayed until Chuck returns home. Thank you all for your prayers.
- Pray for Steven & Becky Vega as they are in search of a new home by April 1st due to their landlord wishing to sell the rental house. Also pray for peace and comfort as they wait for the next custody hearing for the twins.
- Continue to pray for Nelda Ring.
- Pray for Sarah Kraus (South Korea) and Hannah Cate (China) as they teach English.
- Pray for the leaders of our church.

For Extended Family and Friends

- Pray for Erika Watkins boyfriend, John's mother who has multiple nodules throughout her body-further testing is to be done.
- Pray for Keith Frampton's coworker, Bob who has prostate cancer and is trying to cope with a new treatment. Prayers for comfort and his PSA numbers to go down.
- Pray for Keith Frampton's coworker Jim who has pancreatic cancer and is struggling with the side effects of chemo. Praise that his tumor is shrinking. 2 more months of chemo before radical surgery. Please pray for healing, comfort and his salvation.
- Pray for Kim (Duty) Griffen's sister-in-law, Beth (Griffin) Mueller who is recovering at home with home health care. She faces a long recovery.
- Pray for Yvette Beam's dearest friend, Jeannie, whose cancer has reoccurred. She has been hospitalized twice this year with respiratory problems and may need a ventilator. She loves the Lord. Please pray for her complete physical healing, in His power and mercy.
- Pray for Pastor Jimmy Schwartz, chaplain at CLV, who was seriously injured in a car accident and is in rehab in New Jersey.
- Pray for Elena Kitchen's sister-in-law, Mary, as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments.

Liberty Christian School

- Pray for the teachers at LCS, bless them with the Spirit of truth and make them examples of Holiness, always ready to share the hope that Jesus Christ has instilled in them.

For our Missionaries

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- Prayer for MNA Disaster Relief teams as they respond and minister to victims of disaster, particularly from the hurricanes and fires last year.
- **Pray for the University of Maryland RUF Chattanooga Mission Trip March 16-22.** as they serve once again along side ***New City Fellowship's Hope for the Inner City*** non-profit. Several new students have joined the team, so pray for unity and growth. Pray that they would have hearts to serve and learn. Pray that they would stay healthy. Chris Garriott is the leader.
- **Pray for Richard and Angelica Ramsay**, who serve with MTW in Latin America, as they are attending a conference in Madrid. Angelica and Richard will lead three different conferences. Please pray that these conferences will be an encouragement to the brothers and sisters in Spain!

Also, the Ramsays are thankful for the recent publication of Richard's new book (#10) in Spanish, *Orientación para Líderes [Orientation for Leaders]*.

Other Prayer Requests

- Pray that the Lord will bring revival to our country.
- Pray for our National, State, and local leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3).
- Pray for those around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.
- Pray for first responders- such as firefighters and police, who respond to emergency situations.
- Pray for our soldiers in harm's way and give safe passage to those soldiers traveling.
- Pray for Baltimore city and the end to violence in our city.

Pray for the Persecuted Church in Pakistan

Pray with believers in Pakistan as they remember loved ones killed in two church bombings on this day five years ago.



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