



LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



*Sunday, August 25, 2019*

# Worship Service

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Nathan Moretto

## Silent Reflection and Meditation

Linda Runkles

*-Psalm 70, Geneva Psalter (1539)*

## Call to Worship

Psalm 40:4-5

**\*Gathering Hymn**    *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*                      #544

## 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

**Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we are distracted by a great number of things, all of which take us away from deeply reflecting on Your mercy and continuously meditating on Your love. Forgive us for believing that our service is more important than how You have served us, for You are the Giver and we are the receiver. Help us see Jesus more throughout our day, and may we always behold Your glory and grace. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-12

## Invocation

---

**Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

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

***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

*Robert Robinson*

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace, Lord like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

## ***Be Thou My Vision***

*Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

### **\*Reading of Scripture**

Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

### **Shepherding Prayer**

Elder Chuck Klein

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

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.

**Offertory**

*Christ is Mine Forevermore*

Praise Team

**Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Praise Team

***And Can It Be?***

*Charles Wesley*

And can it be ... that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be... that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Chorus*

*Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above (so, free, so infinite His grace!),  
Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, Oh my God, it found out me.  
*(Chorus)*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay; fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose went forth and followed Thee.  
*(Chorus)*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through  
Christ, my own.  
*(Chorus)*

**\*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

Chuck Mitchell, Pianist

Texts used with permission granted through CCLI 578579. Some excerpts reprinted by permission from *The Worship Sourcebook*, 2004, CRC Publications.

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 should be the motivation for Christians to serve? What is the proper way for Christians to serve?
2. How can service be counter-productive to our spiritual growth?
3. What does it mean for you to choose the 'good portion' today?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP BEGINS!

We are excited to announce that Liberty Church will be starting Sunday evening worship, beginning September 22nd at 6:00 pm, every Lord's Day. More details forthcoming.

## LIBERTY THEOLOGY & WORSHIP CONFERENCE

Liberty's very first Theology & Worship Conference will be this November 1-3. Our guest speaker is Dr. Jonathan Gibson, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary. He will be teaching us about worship in the Old and New Testaments, as well as worship since the Reformation. There will be a lecture & Q/A Friday night and two lectures on Saturday morning. Dr. Gibson will also be preaching Sunday morning. More details forthcoming.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to work in our Nursery on Sunday mornings **and Sunday evenings**. The schedule will be a three month rotation. Please contact Lisa Byrd at [lisawbyrd@gmail.com](mailto:lisawbyrd@gmail.com) for Sunday morning and Amy Huey for Sunday evening. Amy will be in the back of the church sanctuary with a sign up sheet and to answer any questions.

## WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING STUDY STARTING SOON!

Ladies of all ages! Join us for prayer, study, and fellowship! Bi-weekly Tuesday evenings at 7PM starting September 3rd at Lynnda Bird's home in the Eldersburg area.

We will be studying the book of Philippians using Melissa B. Kruger's book: *In All Things: A Nine Week Study on Unshakeable Joy*. Contact Geneva Hoff for more info @ 443-632-5953 or [genevahoff@gmail.com](mailto:genevahoff@gmail.com)

## WOMEN'S THURSDAY EVENING STUDY

Liberty Ladies Save The Date Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study will begin on September 5, 7-8:30, in Fellowship Hall. We welcome all ages to study and discuss God's word together. Last spring, we concluded our study of the book of Acts.

Acts 1-12 introduced us to Peter's faithful, spirit-filled leadership and teachings in the early years of the church. This fall, we will look further at Peter by studying his letters. Our study guide will be "1 Peter" by Navpress, \$8.50. Text or call Peggy Walker to RSVP, 410 493 8733

## **MEN'S/WOMEN'S PRAYER TIME**

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.

## **BAPTISM INFORMATION**

We have scheduled two days on our yearly calendar for infant baptisms which are the Sunday during Thanksgiving weekend and Mother's Day. If neither of those dates work for you or if you'd like to have your infant baptized on a different date, please call the church office.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

We are pleased to announce that the Fall New Members Class will be starting on September 8th and running for seven consecutive Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 - 10:30 AM. If you wish to join Liberty Church or if you are just interested in what our Reformed doctrinal distinctives are, then this is the class for you!

Please let RE Steve Madden know ASAP by email ([sbyronm@gmail.com](mailto:sbyronm@gmail.com)) if you will be attending to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. The next class after this one will not be until Spring 2020."

## **NEW PICTURE DIRECTORIES**

We are working on a new directory that we hope to be able to give out by the end of the year. Please provide updated information and pictures. We are unable to use your pictures from older directories, so if you would like your picture included, please email a pic to [office@libertychurchpca.org](mailto:office@libertychurchpca.org) by September 30th. We have emailed a first draft of the directory in the weekly bulletin email, as well as placed a few copies on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take some time to look at your information and make sure it is correct. If you would like to make changes, please contact the office either by phone or email. Thank you!

## LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Ladies, join us for Sunday School beginning September 8th for a unique, exciting, challenging, scary and, perhaps, life changing discussion of hospitality .... in fact, “radically ordinary hospitality!” In the book, *The Gospel Comes With A House Key*, Rosairia Butterfield, a former lesbian feminist activist and extreme liberal professor (*now married 18 years to a RPCNA Pastor*), shares with us her story of conversion. Through her book, she invites us into her home to show us how God can use us to bring the Gospel to our lost friends and neighbors. Rosaria also shows us how to welcome those who look, think, believe, and act differently from ourselves into our lives so we can “put the hand of a stranger into the hand of the Savior.” Please contact Donna Hancock at (410)549-4589 or [hancockclan87@gmail.com](mailto:hancockclan87@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Books can be ordered at the PCA Bookstore online or on Amazon.com. If you need assistance getting a book, let me know. I can also get free shipping.

Please try to read the Preface and Chapter 1 before our first meeting.

## PIONEER GIRLS

### “Christ in every aspect of life.”

Liberty Church will be offering another year of Pioneer Girls for girls ages Pre-K through middle school. The next two Sundays we are asking for all interested girls to pre-register so that leaders can coordinate classes and teachers. Please pre-register with Maxine Saylor who will be standing at the church main entrance at the end of each service. All that is needed to pre-register is the child’s name and grade. For those who would like more information about the club, please stop and talk with Maxine.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE

STOCKADE- for boys in grades 3-6 starts up in LCS room 139, at 7 p.m., on September 11th. For more information contact Chris Byrd, 410-751-2542. BATTALION- for boys in grades 7-12 starts up at 7 p.m. at the Chapelgate Church Gym on September 10 th. For more information contact Geof Smith 410-833-6718 or Jim Helm 410-795-0396. We currently need more leaders and in particular a Captain for Battalion. If we have a man to step forward to be Captain, the Battalion group will meet at Liberty.

## **YOUNG LADIES AGES 15 TO TWENTY SOMETHING TWO NEW MINISTRIES STARTING SOON**

### **First Fridays**

This will be a time once a month for fun, games and fellowship at Charlotte Crone's house, beginning Friday, September 6th at 7:00 pm.

### **Sunday morning class**

Beginning September 8th at 9:30 am in the Teachers' Lounge at LCS Candice Walker will be teaching a Sunday school class based on the book, *Lies Young Women Believe* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Dannah Gresh. Have you been deceived? Do any of these statements sound familiar to you?

*It seem like I've been struggling with depression forever and always feeling like I'm not good enough?*

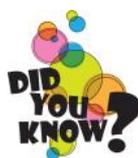
*I couldn't live without texting and social media."*

*"The whole wife and mom this is overrated and no longer cool."*

In this class you will discuss the 25 lies most commonly believed by teen and young adult women and will show you how to be set free by the Truth. To learn more about these two ministries call or text Candice Walker at 410-917-6238 for more information.

**There is no adult or children's Sunday school classes on Sunday, September 1st. On September 8th children will advance to the next grade.**

Sunday School Classes		
"The Great Comission" curriculum is used for our children's Sunday School program.		
Pre-K	2 year olds	Noah's Ark Room Church basement
	3 year olds	Church basement
Elementary	4/5 year olds	Church basement
	1st Grade	LCS
	2nd Grade	LCS
	3rd/4th Grade	LCS
	5th Grade	LCS
Youth Classes	6th-8th Grade boys	LCS Middle School Wing
	6th-8th Grade girls	LCS Middle School Wing
	High school Boys and Girls	Block Building
Adult Sunday School Classes		
<i>Westminster Confession of Faith</i>	Barry Cureton	Parlor
<i>A History of Church Doctrine</i>	Charlie Cate	Fellowship Hall



You can sign up to receive our Weekly Bulletin emails and Important Messages from the church on our website: [www.libertychurchpca.org](http://www.libertychurchpca.org)

## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

	August 25	September 1
<b>Combined Nursery</b> 10:30 a.m. Noah's Ark Room	Lynn Smith, Meghan Huey	Beth Wheatley, Katie Byrd
<b>Lock-up</b>	Ken Stetson, James Hoff	Tom Crone, Joseph Kraus
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Rouland	Daniel Hancock
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat Schlitzer, Mary Ellen Gannon	Charlotte Crone
<b>Usher Team Leader</b>	Don Wheatley	Geof Smith

<b>Small Group Information</b>			
Group	Contact	Phone	Meeting Date
Sykesville	Wheatley	410-549-0730	1st & 3rd Mondays
Reisterstown	Charlotte Crone	410-356-3189	2nd Friday
Randallstown	Cureton	443-756-9777	1st Sunday after Church
Woodstock	Klein	410-655-3753	3rd Friday



# THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 26

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

<i>Isaiah Bible Study at Denny's</i>	7:00 am - 8:30 am	<b>OC</b>
<i>Ladies Night Out</i>	6:00 pm	<b>OC</b>
<i>Session Meeting</i>	6:00 pm	<b>P</b>

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

<i>Prayer Group</i>	6:30 pm	<b>P</b>
<i>Men's Bible Study</i>	7:00 pm	<b>P</b>

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

<i>Women's Prayer Meeting</i>	7:00 pm	<b>P</b>
-------------------------------	---------	----------

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

FH-Fellowship Hall • P-Parlor • LCS-School • VP-Various Places  
 SAN-Sanctuary • OS-Old Sanctuary • OC- Off Campus • BH- Block House  
 MR - Music Room

# Prayer List

## **For our Church Family and needs in the Body**

- Praise God for the birth of Rowyn Toliver to Erin and Dave Tracht on August 16th.
- Continue to pray for Werner Kloetzli. Werner is temporarily in Lorien Rehab Center, Room 243 B, 6334 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.
- Please be in prayer for RE Steve Madden as he has recently been diagnosed with Hyperparathyroidism with an Adenoma (benign cyst) on one of the four nodules. Surgery is indicated at some time in the near future.
- Pray for Glenn Cote that the new medicine he's taking will be effective so he can stop taking prednisone.
- Pray for Pastor Nathan and Pastor Barry as they serve the body here at Liberty.

## **For Extended Family and Friends and Others**

- Please pray for Maxine Saylor's stepmom, Sandi Russell, as she continues chemo for pancreatic cancer.
- Please pray for Maxine Saylor's friend, Jackie Snell, whose husband died unexpectedly. Pray for her two young sons as well.
- Pray for peace and comfort for Daryl Lynn Tyce and his family after the passing of his mother, Lorna, a former member of Liberty.
- Praise that Cindy Watkins' mom, Pauline, is in 90% remission however she's not able to receive the transplant because she is having issues with her lungs. Pray for her as she will be seeing a pulmonologist.
- Pray for Keith Frampton's coworker Bob (prostate cancer). Prayers for healing and improved rest/sleep. He is still dealing with back difficulties as a result of the treatment.
- Pray for Keith Frampton's coworkers Jim (pancreatic cancer) who had surgery on Tuesday for his intestinal blockage. They were unable to install the stent. They are deciding how to best attack the blockage. Please pray for doctor wisdom, patience for Jim and his wife, and of course healing.
- Pray for our soldiers, police officers and first responders.
- Pray for our National, State, and local leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

## **Liberty Christian School**

- Pray for the parents and families of the LCS students as they prepare their students for the upcoming school year.

## **Pray for our Missionaries**

Please pray for the following missionaries that Liberty Church supports:

Eddie & Annie Park, Reformed University Fellowship ministers at Brown University in Providence, RI and Rhode Island School of Design:

- For the pre-semester leaders' retreat, which takes place Tue (8/27) through Fri (8/30), that God will give them wisdom and inspiration in advancing God's Kingdom on their campuses this coming school year.
- For increased financial support, as they are facing a \$10,000 shortfall so far this year.

Richard and Robyn Crane, part of the MTW (Mission to the World – the foreign missions arm of our denomination) Global Theological Education Team:

- Pray for spiritual fruit from their team that ministered from August 9-16 in a church plant in Old Havana, then at an arts festival at the seminary in Oliver where 120 artists from different cities all over the island came together.
- Praise God for being approved for visas for their continued ministry in Cuba this year.
- Pray for their students in Cuba - for their health, for an open heart to learn and to apply their courses to their lives and their churches.
- Pray for their sister-in-law Sue Lutz, who is undergoing chemo therapy for an aggressive sarcoma cancer

## **For the Persecuted Church in Syria**

Several groups of women recently finished training for trauma healing. Pray for these women as they work with children and youth in their communities.



# LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA

11301 Liberty Road • Owings Mills, MD 21117  
Phone: 410-655-5466 • Email: [office@libertychurchpca.org](mailto:office@libertychurchpca.org)  
[www.libertychurchpca.org](http://www.libertychurchpca.org)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### ELDERS

Michael Anderson	410-356-2602	Barry Cureton	410-566-1829
Steve Bird	410-795-2463	Chuck Klein	410-655-3753
Glenn Cote	410-489-0455	Steve Madden	410-259-0798
		Nathan Moretto	410-655-5466

### ELDER EMERITUS

Ted Peiffer

### DEACONS

Chris Byrd	443-878-3576	John Kitchen	410-795-7745
Tom Crone	410-356-2085	Brian Moran	410-984-2988
Mark Fuhrer	410-279-2953		

### DEACONS EMERITI

Alan Hunzeker

Werner Kloetzli

### Staff

Nathan Moretto, Senior Pastor	<a href="mailto:nmoretto@libertychurchpca.org">nmoretto@libertychurchpca.org</a>
Barry Cureton, Shepherding Pastor	<a href="mailto:barry_cureton@libertychurchpca.org">barry_cureton@libertychurchpca.org</a>
Lisa Maddox, Church Admin	<a href="mailto:office@libertychurchpca.org">office@libertychurchpca.org</a>
Phill & Kelly Thomas, Youth Directors	
Susan Smith, Choir Director	
Mike Tucker, Treasurer	