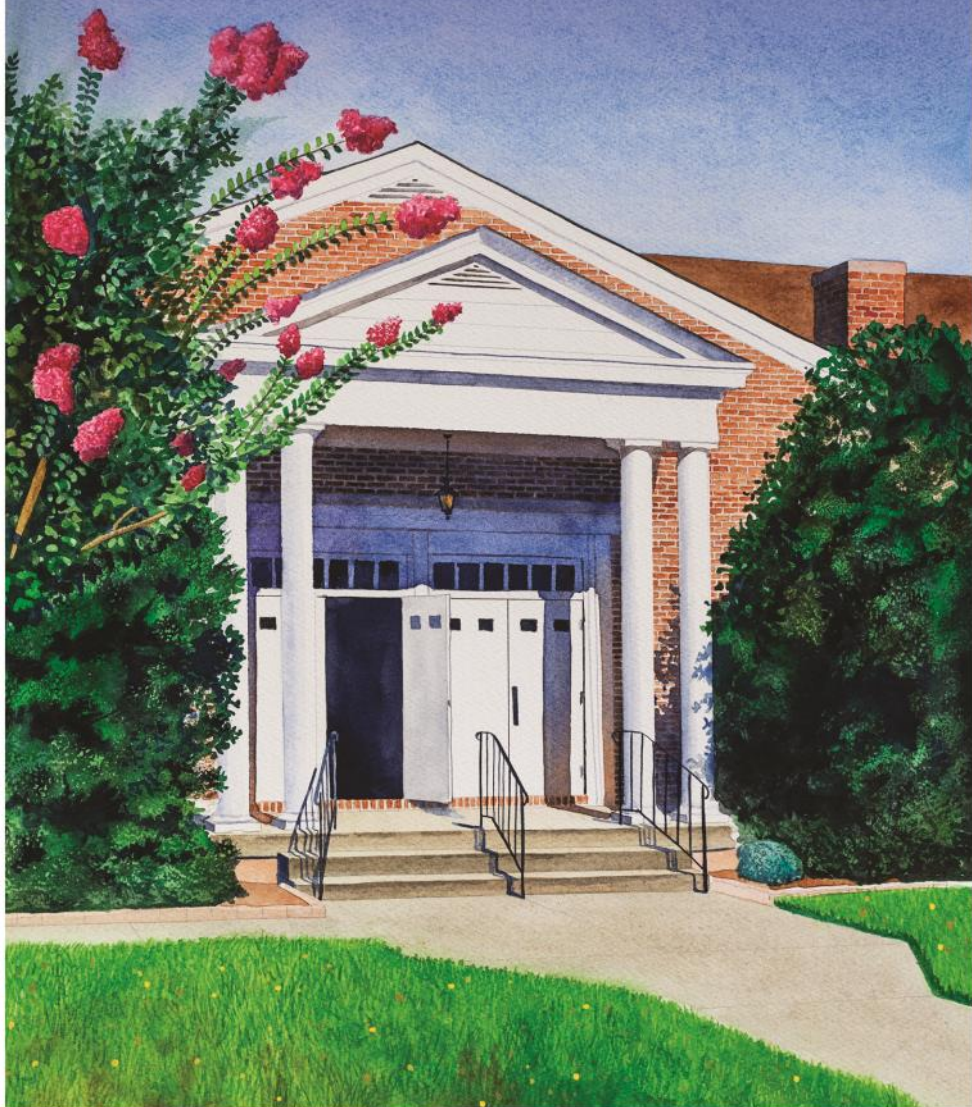


LIBERTY  
CHURCH, PCA



*Morning Worship Service*

*December 27, 2020*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements** - Pastor Barry Cureton

**Silent Reflection and Meditation**

**Call to Worship** - Luke 2:8-14

**\*Gathering Hymn** - Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Confession of Faith - The 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

From there He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

## Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-14

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

## Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon - John 1:1-5, 9-13

## Invocation

### \*Hymn of Praise - Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

### \*Reading of Scripture - Acts 6:8-15

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. <sup>10</sup>But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. <sup>11</sup>Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." <sup>12</sup>And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, <sup>13</sup>and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, <sup>14</sup>for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." <sup>15</sup>And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

### Shepherding Prayer - Elder Chuck Klein

For children who are restless and vocal, please make use of the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Offertory

*The First Nowell*

Linda Runkles

## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Sermon

“Shining Like an Angel”

Pastor Barry Cureton

### \*Hymn of Response - Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

### \*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. Dave Tracht, Music Director

Mrs. Linda Runkles, Organist

Mr. Chuck Mitchell, Pianist

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**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be administered next Sunday and our mercy needs offering will be received during the regular offering. The first Sunday of the month is also a time when we collect nonperishable food items for the food pantry.

## Sermon Notes



*Happy  
New  
Year!*

The Pastors and the Staff would like to thank our Liberty family for the kind and generous Christmas gift.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve this dear congregation and we wish you a New Year full of the Lord's blessings!

Thanks so much for your kindness!



# **Announcements**

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

Pastor Nathan will be out of town through January 4th.

Chuck Garriott from Ministry to State will be preaching next Sunday morning. There is no evening service today or next week.

The office will be closed on Monday, December 28th and Thursday and Friday, December 30th and 31st.

## **2021 ENVELOPES/END OF THE YEAR GIVING**

Please pick up your 2021 envelopes from the back table. If you would like envelopes but didn't get them, contact Henry Helweick at [44marlie@gmail.com](mailto:44marlie@gmail.com).

In order to receive a tax deduction for 2020, all giving must be postmarked no later than December 31st.

## **COUNSELING AVAILABLE**

During these times of COVID restrictions, Pastor Barry continues to counsel members online and by phone. With the holidays and the darker days of winter approaching, you may be feeling isolated or need help with a personal or marriage struggle. If so, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Barry by emailing him at [drbarrycureton@gmail.com](mailto:drbarrycureton@gmail.com) or calling him at 443-756-9777 and he would welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

## Youth Ministry @ Liberty

Liberty's Youth Ministry (known as "Living Stones") is designed for students 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, w/ occasional events for younger children.

Our goal is to build up the character of our youth, by exploring biblical truth and how this truth impacts our lives. And how we interact with and see the world. We seek to come along side of parents to support them in strengthening the faith of our young people, pointing to belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as our only hope for salvation and everlasting life.

It is our ardent prayer that the youth at Liberty grow deeper in relationship with God and begin to take ownership of their faith as they grow, in order that they remain in the church as they navigate their lives and eventually come to raise and lead their own families in truth.

Our 2020-2021 theme is: "*Bet Your Life*"

This year, we will be approaching such questions as:

"Is the Bible true? How do we know?"

"Is Christianity really the only true religion?"

"What does it mean to have a Christian worldview?"

"What does the world and our society say about Christians?"

and many more...

We hope that your student will join us as we explore and challenge ideas!



*Dave Tracht*

Liberty Youth Director

## Children's Ministry @ Liberty

**Nursery** (for walking 12 month olds through 3 years of age) is now being held in the Nursery room with the "Healthy Child Policy" in place to protect our volunteers & children. Please remember to sign your children in upon arrival. Thank you!"

**Wonders of Worship** reopen is TBD

**Children's Sunday School** has been cancelled through 2020

**\*Interested in volunteering now or in the future?** Please contact Sarah Crowe

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Dave Tracht, Youth & Family Ministry Director

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## Upcoming Events

*Living Stones Youth Group* meets here at Liberty from 5:45-8:45pm on Friday nights, as noted below.

Pizza dinner provided. Fun, Games, Fellowship, opening God's word together and learning about what it means to be a Christian in this world. Hope to see you there! Contact Dave with any questions

Wednesday 12/29> 2:30pm-8:00pm – Living Stones **\*Special Edition\***  
\*we will play football, share food and fellowship, as well as working together to begin renovating the Block House!  
All are welcome and encouraged to attend!  
Many hands make light work!

Friday 1/1> 5:45-8:45pm – Living Stones YG

Friday 1/8> 5:45-8:45pm – Living Stones YG

Friday 1/15> 5:45-8:45pm – Living Stones YG

Friday 1/22> 5:45-8:45pm – Living Stones YG

Friday 1/29> 5:45-8:45pm – Living Stones YG

Friday 2/5> 5:45-8:45pm – Living Stones YG

Friday 2/12> 5:45-8:45pm – Living Stones YG

\*Family and Parent events will be held when possible and will be added to this schedule. Keep your eye out for these as well!

## Prayer List

### **For our church family and needs in the body:**

- Pray for peace and comfort for Hal Johnsson's family and friends as he went to be with the Lord on Monday. The funeral is for family only due to attendance limitations, but people can send cards and reach out to Sharon in the days and months ahead. Her address is 220 Highmeadow Rd, Reisterstown, MD 21136.
- Please pray for Mary Caldwell who is in Carroll County Hospital receiving treatment for a blood clot and possible respiratory infection. Mary also wants to thank the church for the lovely flowers she received to honor her 90th birthday!
- Continue to pray for Erich Hofmann and Jeff Watkins who are receiving hospice care.

### **For extended family, friends and others:**

- Pray for the peace and comfort for the family of Connie, a good friend of Phylis Caldwell, who recently passed away unexpectedly.
- Pray for Steve Jordan, Mary Caldwell's son-in-law, who is recovering from a severe respiratory infection.
- Pray for staff serving in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living and long-term care, for safety from coronavirus spread and personal safety.
- Pray for local, State and Federal managers for wisdom in their response to the pandemic and the ongoing social unrest.
- Pray for people who are struggling with isolation and unemployment due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Pray for first responders and our military and their families spiritual, emotional and physical health.
- Pray for repentance and revival in our country that many people would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- Pray for the Lord's will regarding the election results that are still undecided and pending.

### **For Liberty Christian School:**

- Pray for the students, teachers, staff, and administration as they enjoy a time of rest during Christmas break.

### **For Our Missionaries**

Please pray for the following missionaries and the ministries that Liberty Church supports:

**Russ Bevan** of Native Alaskan Prison Ministry, in Palmer, Alaska, requests:

- Praise God for the ongoing response to his Bible correspondence program to

prison inmates. Inmates already enrolled in courses have been encouraged to distribute course request cards to other inmates.

- Pray for a Muslim inmate, who did respond to one of these cards, that his eyes will be opened as he studies the Bible and will come to trust in Jesus for his salvation
- Praise God for the four new Bible lesson graders.
- Pray for his inmate contacts to remain faithful in completing the Bible courses.
- Pray for help in devising new ways to minister during these times of isolation.
- Pray for the health of all his family during the pandemic.

**Alpha Pregnancy Center** in Reisterstown requests:

Praise to God for:

- The 33 babies born into Alpha's family.
- The wonderful success of their virtual fundraising event.
- His faithfulness to Alpha over the past 35 years.

Prayer for:

- The health of clients, volunteers, & staff.
- Immediate needs, including: wipes, rattles, bibs.

**Kevin and Lori Chilton**, teacher and office aide respectively at Wycliffe's Rainforest International School (RFIS) in Cameroon, West Africa, request the following:

- Praise God that the school has returned to a "normal" five-day in-school week.
- Pray for more staff for the Rainforest School. The world, and the mission community, and the approach to missions in general has been changing over the past decade and this has greatly impacted the school.
- Pray that God would provide the additional support they need to fulfill their on-going needs.

If you ever feel a call to prayer support for a missionary highlighted in the bulletin, please let Missions Chairperson, Barbara Hunzeker, know and she can provide you information to either contact them directly or forward to you their prayer letters that come to the committee. Consider doing so as a New Year's resolution or the calling that it is.

<b>Small Group Information - All Are Welcome; call to find out if they are meeting</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

<b>Volunteer Schedule</b>		
	<b>December 27</b>	<b>January 3</b>
<b>Security</b>	Charlie Hancock Steve Vega	Chris Byrd Tedd Tracy
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Kraus	TBA
<b>Nursery</b>	Robin M Bri L	Tina L. Heather L.

<b>Church Office Hours</b>
Monday & Tuesday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday - Friday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Email address: <a href="mailto:office@libertychurchpca.org">office@libertychurchpca.org</a>

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 27, 2020	Morning Worship  No Evening Worship	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Sanctuary & Online
Monday, December 28, 2020	Office Closed		
Tuesday, December 29, 2020			
Wednesday, December 30, 2020	Prayer Meeting	6:00-7:00 pm	Room #3
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, December 31, 2020	Office Closed		
Friday, January 1, 2021	Office Closed		
Saturday, January 2, 2020			
Sunday, January 3, 2021	Zoom Sunday School today	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Online
	Morning Worship	10:45 am - 12:15 am	Sanctuary & Online
	No Evening Worship		



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