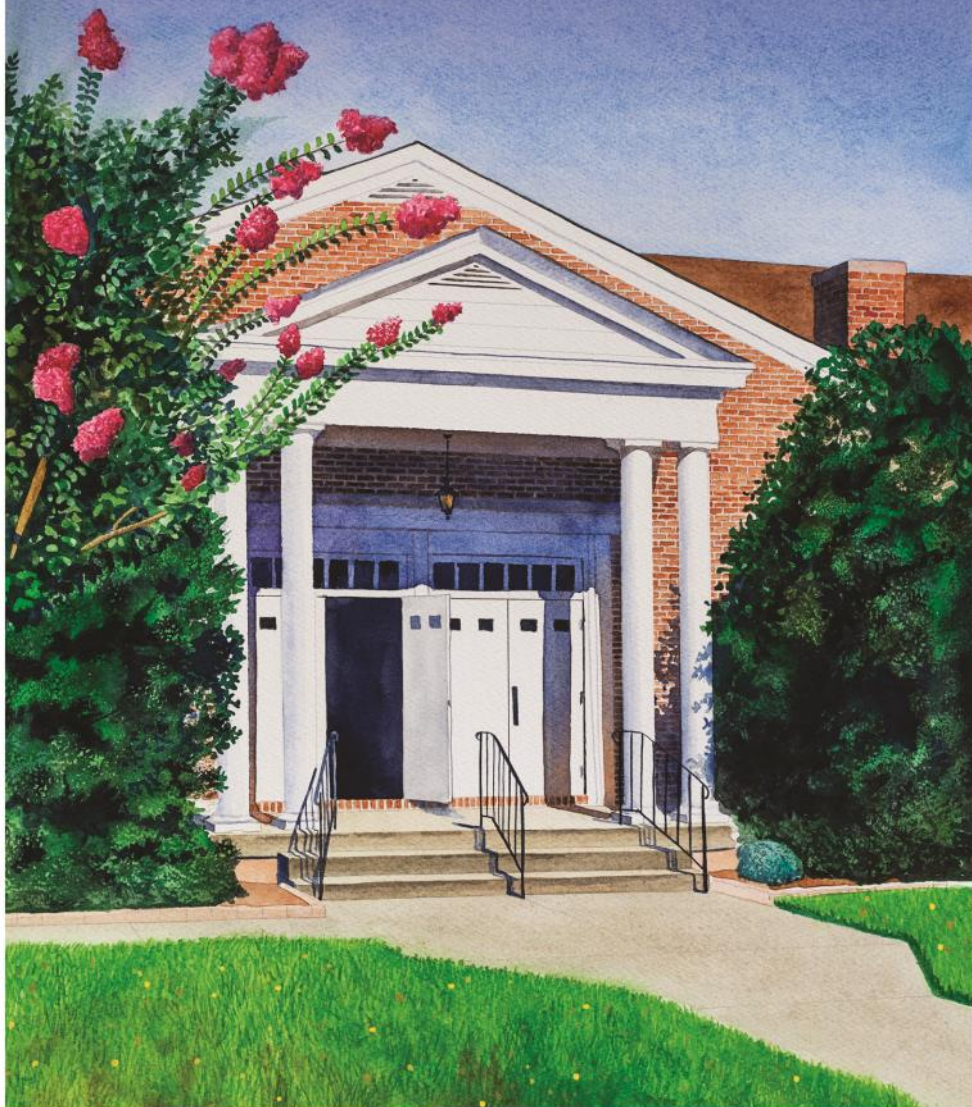




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Morning Worship Service

January 10, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements - Pastor Nathan Moretto

Silent Reflection and Meditation - Psalm 103 - Trinity Psalter Hymnal

Call to Worship - Psalm 103:1-5

***Gathering Hymn** - O Worship the King

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Confession of Faith - Westminster Confession of Faith 1.4

The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed, and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man, or church; but wholly upon God (who is truth itself) the author thereof: and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.

Confession of Sin

Holy God, you are mighty in all your ways, powerful in your dealings with mankind. Be merciful to us, O Lord, for we have sinned against you. We have rebelled against your will, we have transgressed your commands, we have broken your covenant with us. We are guilty, and deserve your just punishment and holy retribution. We cannot stand upon our own righteousness, O God, for we have none. We plead Christ and all His benefits for us, and we acknowledge that we are only right before you through His merit and His atoning death on the cross. We confess this in His Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 103:10-12

Invocation

Wonderful, Merciful Savior,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Reading from the Psalms- Psalm 112

Your Will Be Done

Jonny Robinson/Rich Thompson

Your will be done my God and Father
As in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked so shall I walk
Held by Your same unchanging love

Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in the garden He persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by Him alone
What wondrous faith to bear that cross
To bear my sin what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes to the one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done
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*Reading of Scripture - Acts 7:1-16

And the high priest said, “Are these things so?”² And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,³ and said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’⁴ Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living.⁵ Yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot’s length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child.⁶ And God spoke to this effect—that his offspring would be sojourners in a land belonging to others, who would enslave them and afflict them four hundred years.⁷ ‘But I will judge the nation that they serve,’ said God, ‘and after that they shall come out and worship me in this place.’⁸ And he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.⁹ “And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him¹⁰ and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household.¹¹ Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food.¹² But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit.¹³ And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to Pharaoh.¹⁴ And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all.¹⁵ And Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, he and our fathers,¹⁶ and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

Shepherding Prayer - Pastor Nathan Moretto

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

Offertory

I Will Wait for You Psalm 130
Shane and Shane

Beth & Lydia Wheatley

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Sermon “Stephen’s Sermon, Part I” Pastor Nathan Moretto

*Hymn of Response - Savior of the Nations Come

Savior of the nations, come, virgin’s Son, make here thy home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not of flesh and blood the Son, offspring of the Holy One;
born of Mary ever blest, God in flesh is manifest.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned, still to be in heav’n enthroned.

From the Father forth he came and returneth to the same,
captive leading death and hell, high the song of triumph swell!

Thou, the Father’s only Son, hast o’er sin the vict’ry won.
Boundless shall thy kingdom be; when shall we its glories see?

Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.

*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

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Worship Leaders

Reverend Nathan Moretto

Reverend Dr. Barry Cureton

Mr. Dave Tracht, Music Director

Mrs. Linda Runkles, Organist

Mr. Chuck Mitchell, Pianist

Announcements

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Semi-annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 31st, immediately after the worship service. Watch the bulletin for more information.

HELPING THE WATKINS FAMILY

If you would like to provide a meal for the Watkins family, please sign up online at mealtrain.com/1o25q5. The instructions are online. I have also provided the link in the weekly newsletter.

2021 ENVELOPES

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.

If you live close to a member who has elected to stay at home, would you help by delivering their envelopes?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Charlie Runkles counting team. If interested please contact Brian Moran at landartinc1994@gmail.com

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are invited to Thursday evening Bible Study on Zoom:

On Thursdays from 7-8:15 pm.

Please join us in this new year as we seek to uncover more about our Lord and Shepherd, the Source of renewal and restoration. With fresh eyes, we will spend a month or so looking at the familiar Psalm 23 and John 10.

In mid-February we will turn to the book of Ephesians, using a new PCA

study titled “Hinged: Vitally Connected to Christ and His Church.”
Call or text Peggy Walker (410 493 8733) to Zoom along with us.

OPEN HEARTS MINISTRY UPDATE

Thanks to the donations we received from the congregation, thirteen Carroll County Foster and Adoptive parents, five Baltimore County foster families, and sixteen teen girls in the Diagnostic Unit of the Children's Home received a gift card for a meal out, along with some other goodies! The trauma that kids (even babies) through teens endure first by the act that brings them into care, and then a secondary trauma of being removed from their first parent(s), is immense. The foster parents and staff in residential care that provide for these children have a lot on their shoulders. We can show the love of Christ through our prayers, our physical or financial support, and by asking if we are to step into one of these roles.

Thank you!

Erin Tracht

THANK YOU NOTES

Liberty Family,

Thank you so much for your support and love over the past few weeks after Hal's decline and homegoing. Your cards and calls were comforting. We praise God that we have the assurance of seeing our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather again in heaven. Your continued support and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

With love in Christ,

The Johnsson, Dearden, & Dugan Families

Dear Liberty Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, cards, and prayers as well as the lovely fruit basket. I'm continuing to recover from a stroke which affects my eyesight. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

In Christ,

Chuck & Elaine Cullen

Youth Ministry @ Liberty

Liberty's Youth Ministry (known as "Living Stones") is designed for students 5th 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 will reopen on January 10th, 2021 for children age 4 through 2nd grade. WOW will be held in the Fellowship Hall to allow for more space and ventilation. Every Sunday (including Communion Sunday) the children will be dismissed during the offertory and the volunteers will bring the children back to the sanctuary to join their parents during the "Hymn of Response".

Children's Sunday School reopen is TBD.

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

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

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!

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Prayer List

For our church family and needs in the body:

- Continue to pray for Erich Hofmann and Jeff Watkins who are receiving hospice care at home.

For extended family, friends and others:

- Pray for Dan Scott's family (friend of Carrie Cox) who passed away on Tuesday and went home to be with his Lord and Savior due to a Heart/Lung transplant. Please pray for his wife Jen who he married February 28, 2020 and his family. Dan was 44 years old.
- Praise for the young woman Jocelyn from the Children's Home, who was able to go home just before Christmas. Please pray for her transition to living with her family after many years of being in a group home setting.
- 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.

For Liberty Christian School:

- Pray for the students, teachers, staff, and administration.

For Our Missionaries

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

Alpha Pregnancy Center in Reisterstown requests:

Praise God for:

- The 34 babies born into Alpha's family in December
- Everyone who made Christmas so special for our clients

Prayer for:

- God's guidance for our long-term planning meeting in January

- Size 4 diapers, wipes, and size 2T-4T clothes

Paul & Liz Meiner, MTW missionaries on their final Home Missionary Assignment (HMA), request prayer for the following:

- Praise for safe travels and health as they have been traveling around the country to visit and thank their supporters.
- Continued prayer as that plan more travels to other supporters.
- Pray for their work as the Pastoral Associate Couple for the UK. They will continue in that role after their retirement in June.

Volunteer Schedule		
	January 10	January 17
Security	Ken Stetson Joseph Kraus	Tom Crone James Hoff
Sound	Daniel Hancock	Joe Kraus
Nursery	Marissa C. Amy H.	Hannah W. Lisa B.

<p align="center">Church Office Hours</p> <p align="center">Monday & Tuesday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Wednesday - Friday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm</p> <p align="center">Email address: office@libertychurchpca.org</p>
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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 10, 2021	Zoom Sunday School Class	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Zoom online
	Morning Worship	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Sanctuary & Online
	Evening Worship	6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Monday, January 11, 2021	FMC, Mercy Needs & Property Meetings	7:00 pm	
Tuesday, January 12, 2021			
Wednesday, January 13, 2021	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, January 14, 2021	Fellowship Time	9:00 am	Room 3
	Ladies Bible Study	7:00 pm- 8:30 pm	Zoom
Friday, January 15, 2021	Living Stones YG	5:45 pm- 8:45 pm	
Saturday, January 16, 2021			
Sunday, January 17, 2021	Zoom Sunday School	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Online
	Morning Worship	10:45 am - 12:15 am	Sanctuary & Online
	Evening Worship	6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Sanctuary



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