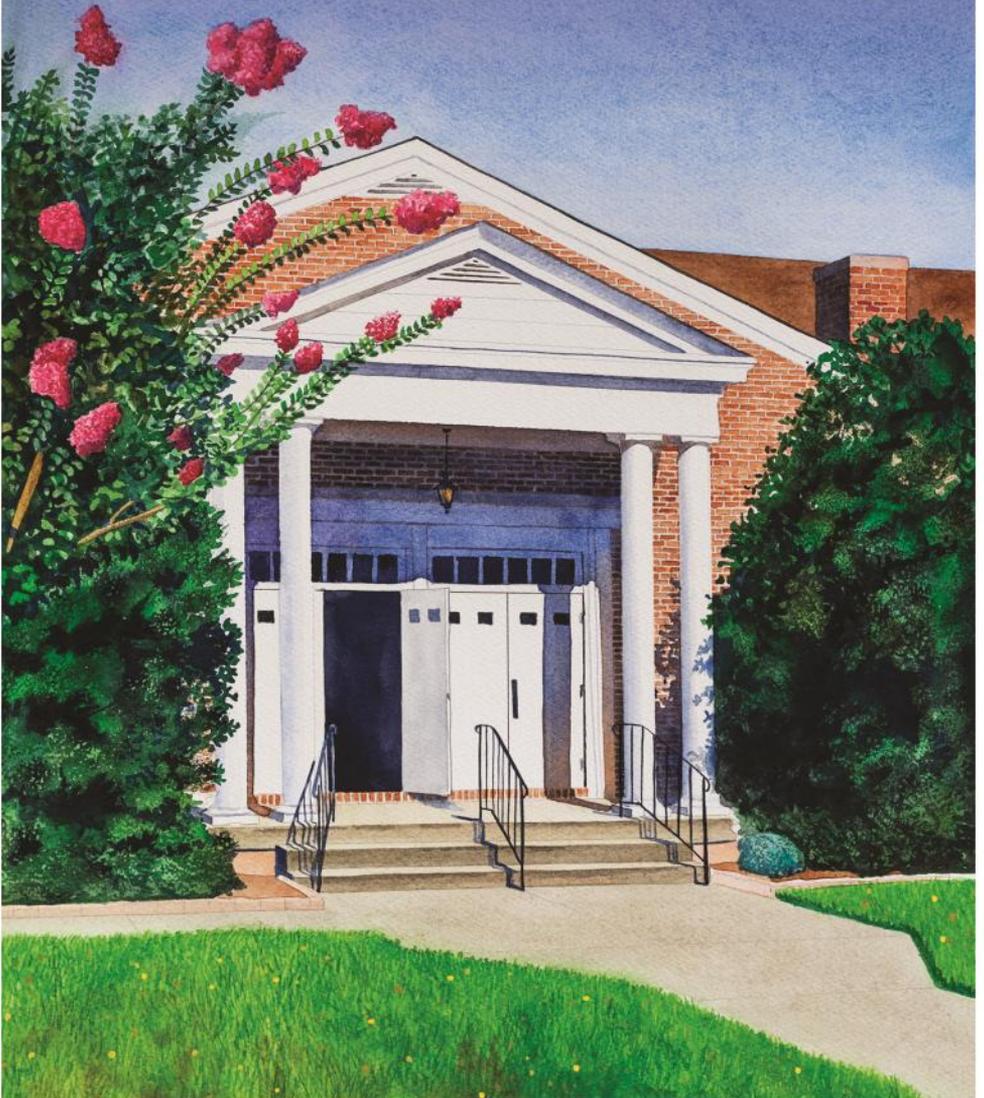


# LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA



# ***Morning Worship Service***

*July 18, 2021*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Ministry Minute**

Paul Meiners, MTW

## **Silent Reflection & Meditation**

## **Call to Worship**

Psalm 104:31-35

TE Arch Van Devender

## **Invocation**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God!

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Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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

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

## **Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism #51 & 52

Question: How does the glory of our (ascended) Christ, our head, benefit us?

**Ans: First, through His Holy Spirit, He pours out gifts from heaven upon us His members. Second, by His power He defends us and preserves us from all enemies.**

Question: How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

**Ans: In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge Who has already offered Himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all His enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself into the joy and glory of heaven!**

## **Confession of Sin**

**O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who pardons all who truly repent and turn to You: we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God.**

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your loving kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; and uphold us with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

## **Words of Assurance**

Isaiah 55:6-7

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

*Chorus*

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high! (*chorus*)

I believe in you  
I believe you rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord (*repeat*)

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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**Reading from the Old Testament**

Isaiah 60:12-15

Dave Tracht

## Hymn of Praise

*Jesus Paid It All*  
*Elvina Hall & John Grape; Arr: Kristian Stanfill*

Praise Team

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

### Chorus

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

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper’s spots And melt the heart of stone. (*chorus*)

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

O Praise the one who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead (*4x*)  
(*chorus*)

[Children ages 4-2nd grade are dismissed for Wonders of Worship.]

## Shepherding Prayer

RE Michael Anderson

## Offertory

“Give Good Gifts”  
from the 1893 Mt. Lebanon Hymnal

Choir

## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

### \*Reading of Scripture

Revelation 3:7-13

TE Arch Van Devender

7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,  
“These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David,  
He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”: 8 “I know your  
works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you  
have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.  
9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and  
are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and  
to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to  
persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the  
whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming  
quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who  
overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out



# ***Sermon Notes***

## **Fallen Condition Focus:**

The deepest longing in the normal human soul is for meaning and security. The people of Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, had precious little of either. They faced a world that could literally be shaken under them at any moment.

## **Main Point of Sermon:**

Jesus reveals to us that He is the guarantee that our deepest longings will be met in Him. We shall no longer have to “go out” of our earthly dwellings, fleeing in fear before dangers we cannot prevent or overcome. Rather, we will dwell happily, as secure pillars in the Heavenly Temple of God!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REGULAR ATTENDEES & MEMBERS WITH UPDATED INFO

Are you new to Liberty Church and have been attending regularly?

Please fill out a card that is on the back of each pew. Please include mailing address, phone numbers, & email address. (Designate cell numbers by name or home) Also include names of children. Write VERY carefully so we don't make a mistake!

There are baskets located at the back of both sanctuaries where you can put your cards until we begin passing the collection plates again.

**REGULAR ATTENDERS:** If you are interested in a new member class, please call the church office so we can begin a list of interested people.

**Are you on Facebook** but not part of our private "Liberty PCA Families" Facebook page? To join go to the page and request, membership or send a *Friend Request* to *Donna Nickell Hancock* and ask to be invited.

### LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Amazon Smiles Program Link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0906498>

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- To count the Sunday Offering contact Brian Moran at 410-549-3923 or ([landartinc1994@gmail.com](mailto:landartinc1994@gmail.com)).
- To join the sound team, preferably someone who can operate the sound board without any help and little training contact Dave Tracht or Joe Roland

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last meeting for both Adult Sunday school classes, July 25th. Watch the bulletin for the classes that will resume in September.

⇒ **PHILIPPIANS:** 9 – 10AM taught by Barry. To join the class see the link in next week's newsletter.

⇒ **IN-PERSON ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** 9:30-10:30AM taught by Phil Lambooy, Focusing on 1 Samuel 16:14-23 and 1 Samuel 17 on July 25th.

### NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you have not been photographed, please send photos to Sandy Tracy at ([sandyland17@gmail.com](mailto:sandyland17@gmail.com)). Photos that were done by the Lifetouch company for the last directory (2017) cannot be used. They are the property of Lifetouch.

### FREE PASSES TO THE CREATION MUSEUM

There are 8 passes available to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. For more information, visit CREATION MUSEUM or ANSWERS IN GENESIS or contact Charles or Linda Runkles.

## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE

will be held for H. Alan Bauer on Saturday, July 31st at 2 pm in the sanctuary.

### LIBERTY LADIES

You're invited to join us in celebrating Erika Watkin's marriage to Kyle Ensor by showering her with gifts. *The bridal shower will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the church service.* Erika & Kyle are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Amazon.

Please RSVP by August 1<sup>st</sup> to Rachel Dugan at [racheldugan.rvt@gmail.com](mailto:racheldugan.rvt@gmail.com) or (410)206-7619 (please leave a message if needed).



**Party to Celebrate & Say Goodbye to**  
**Pastor Barry & Margaret**  
Sunday, July 25th

Immediately after the worship service in the LCS Gym following the luncheon there will be a program.

Sign up online through the link in the newsletter or by calling the church office no later than Wednesday, July 21.

# 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



## Upcoming Events

*Friday Night Living Stones Youth Group is taking a break from their regularly scheduled Friday evening meetings for the Summer. Please join us for our summer events listed below.*

### EXCITING SUMMER EVENTS:

We have some fun things planned for this summer!  
Here are 3 events that are happening:

**7/21**> Day-trip to Hershey Park

**8/2**> Day-trip to the Bible Museum in Washington DC

**8/20-8/22**> Living Stones Summer Retreat  
*(Treehouse camping, tubing, ropes-course  
& zipline adventure-in Harpers Ferry, WV)*

*\*\*\*Please join our "Living Stones" Facebook group to easily interact with us and view the schedule as things are added and respond with interest!  
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## 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** (for children age 4 through 2nd grade) is held in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday morning worship. 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".

Sarah Crowe, Nursery & Children's Ministry Director

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## Prayer List

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

- Praise God that Pastor Barry & Margaret have a contract on their house. Pray that Settlement on August 16th goes smoothly and for their search for a new home in Lancaster.
- Pray for Yvette Beam who had surgery on Thursday and for her husband, Byron who had heart tests.
- Pray for John and Tori Upperman who are in the process of adopting a 9 year old girl.
- Pray for healing for Mary Caldwell who is in Rehab at Fairhaven. Ask the Lord to bless her with cards, phone calls, and visits from people in our congregation.
- Pray for healing for Jan Duty and Val Thomas.

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

- Pray for Susan Smith's dad, Milt Greffen. He is improving but had a setback with another fall. His leg was not injured further.
- Pray for the spiritual health of marriages and families within the Body.
- Pray for a recovery of our economy in the United States and Worldwide and that businesses will be able to find and hire the needed workers for their job openings.
- 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 staff at Liberty Christian School as they continue to look for new staff to fill their open positions. Pray that God will supply the best candidates for the jobs.
- Please pray for Liberty Christian School that enrollment may meet or exceed their enrollment in the Fall of last year. Also, please pray about volunteering at the school beginning in September to help with some of the programs, assist teachers or tutor some of the students. School Board: Phill Thomas, Brian Moran, Fred Walker, Chuck Klein or Andy Byrd.

### **For Our Missionaries:**

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

**Matt Michael, Area Director of Carroll County YoungLife (CCYL)**, a ministry to public middle and high school students, requests:

Prayer for their three camp trips this summer :

- Outreach camp to Carolina Point for high school students (July 28-August 2)
- Outreach camps to Rockbridge for Capernaum kids, kids with disabilities (August 13-16), that they would experience the Gospel in a new way and be drawn to his love.

- They also need more male buddies for the Capernaum trip, so pray that they would have some high school or older people step up to serve.
- Discipleship camp to Adventures Wild Ridge (August 5-8). Pray that students would sign-up and then be challenged to take their faith and relationship with Jesus to the next level.

Over 140 CCYL campers, buddies and leaders have signed up for these three camps so far!

- Please pray for their Capernaum ministry (kids with disabilities) in particular for this fall. They will be opening up a part-time staff position for a Capernaum Coordinator and hope to have the right person apply to fill this need to take the ministry wider and deeper.
- Pray for the details surrounding their re-scheduled 50-year Celebration of Young Life in Carroll County. Pray for a great celebration and an increase in giving for the ministry to school kids.

**Tom Homens, director of the Christian Community Center in SW** Baltimore asks for:

- Praise to God for the continued tutoring of children at the center because of the pandemic. It's exciting to see them make great strides and enjoy learning.
- Praise for the graduation of four students, whose lives were touched by the center, two of which they funded to go to Christian schools.
- Pray as each of them goes on to college in the fall.
- Pray for the ministry that goes on at Summer camp during the first two weeks of August. They will be taking 100 kids there. Pray that the children will grow strong in their faith and/or trust Jesus as their Savior for the first time.

## **Upcoming Events**

Tues 7/27 - Joint Session/Deacon Meeting

Mon 9/6 - Labor Day Picnic

<b>Volunteer Schedule</b>		
	<b>July 18</b>	<b>July 25</b>
<b>Security</b>	Brian Moran	Charlie Hancock
<b>Sound</b>	Daniel Hancock	Joe Kraus
<b>Nursery</b>	Tina Lockwood/ Marissa Cote	Bri Luff/Hannah Watkins
<b>WOW</b>	Candice Walker/ Hannah Watkins	TBA

## Weekly Calendar

Sun <b>18</b> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Children's Sunday School - 9:30 am</li> <li>◆ Missions Sunday - 9:30 am</li> <li>◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am</li> </ul>
Mon <b>19</b> July	
Tues <b>20</b> July	
Wed <b>21</b> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ladies Summer Activity - Dianna Cote's</li> <li>◆ Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm</li> <li>◆ Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm</li> </ul>
Thur <b>22</b> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ladies Prayer Time - 6:45 pm</li> </ul>
Fri <b>23</b> July	
Sat <b>24</b> July	
Sun <b>25</b> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Zoom Adult Sunday School - 9:00 am</li> <li>◆ Children's &amp; Adult Sunday School - 9:30 am</li> <li>◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am</li> <li>◆ Farewell Celebration for Barry &amp; Margaret - 12:15 pm</li> </ul>

Deadline for announcements for the bulletin is Thursday morning at 9:00 am. If you have an important or time-sensitive announcement after the cutoff time, a brief announcement can be made from the pulpit.



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