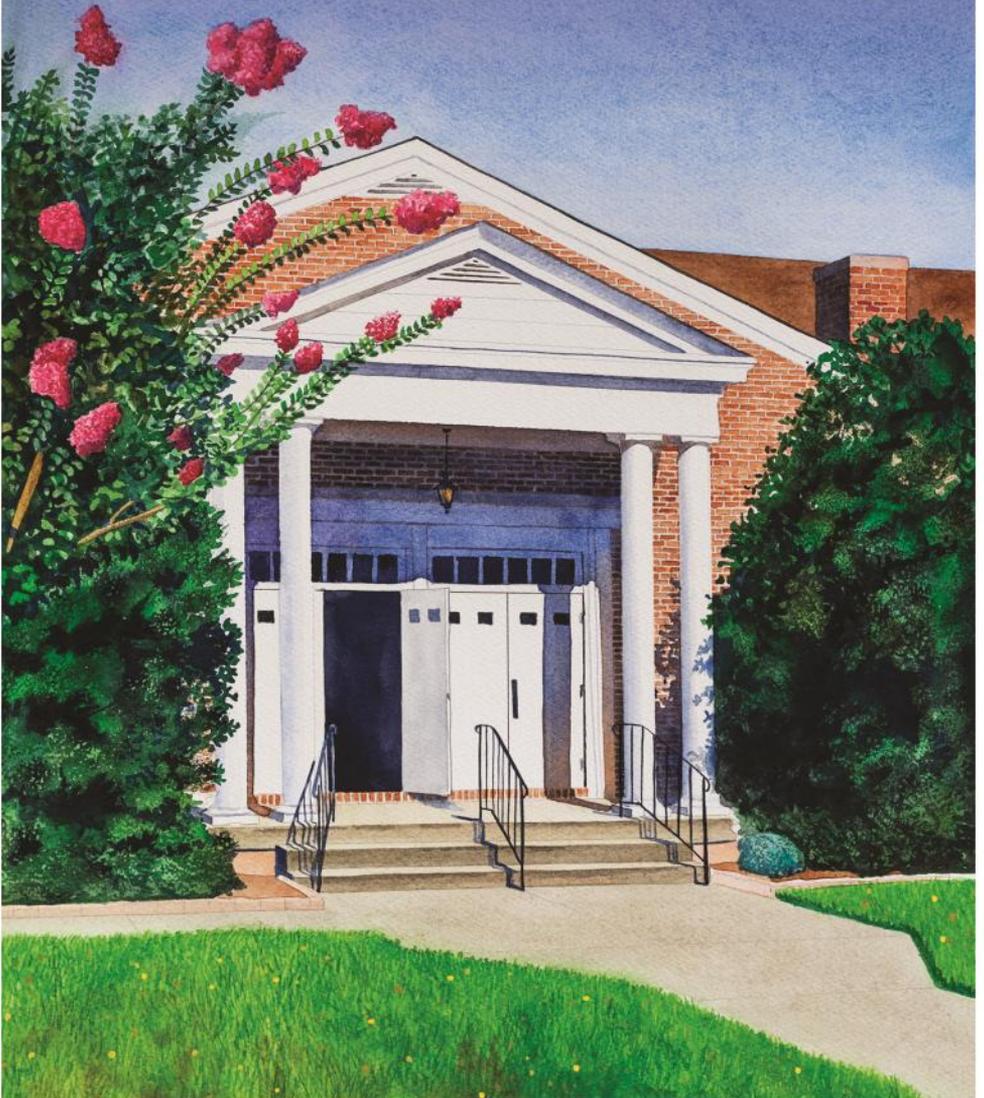


LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA



Morning Worship Service

July 25, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Reflection & Meditation

Call to Worship

Psalm 57:7-11

TE Arch Van Devender

Invocation

***Gathering Hymn**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

#188

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

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Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism #72

Question: What is justifying faith?

Ans: Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures, to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assents to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receives and rests upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person, righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Confession of Sin

Most Holy and Merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You, our sinful nature. We are prone to evil and slow in doing good and we are full of shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned:

**In wandering from Your ways,
In wasting Your gifts,
In forgetting Your love.**

But You, O Lord, please have mercy upon us, we who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. Help us, O Most Holy and Loving Father, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Colossians 2:11-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus
O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*chorus*)

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*chorus*)

Reading from the New Testament 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Dave Tracht

Hymn of Praise

Lord I Need You
Matt Maher

Praise Team

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
(to bridge - 2nd time)

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
(to chorus 1)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
(to chorus)

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
Oh you are my one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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

Shepherding Prayer

RE Steve Bird

Offertory

"Hymn of Heaven"
Phil Wickham

Beth and Lydia Wheatley

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,
 ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ”

*We love to have children in the worship service.
 As parents train their children to worship God corporately, the nursery may be used,
 as needed, if you feel your child is becoming too restless and vocal.*

Sermon “The Deadly Trap of Carnal Christianity!” Rev. Arch Van Devender

***Hymn of Response** I Will Sing of My Redeemer #498

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me:
 on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.
 Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
 on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
 in his boundless love and mercy he the ransom freely gave.
 Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
 on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow’r I’ll tell,
 how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.
 Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
 on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav’nly love to me;
 he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.
 Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
 on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

***Benediction**

TE Barry Cureton

***Hymn of Glory**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#409, vs. 1 & 4

Postlude

Sermon Notes

Fallen Condition Focus:

Carnal Christianity is the bottom of a slippery slope that individual Christians and Congregations can and do fail to negotiate. At its root, a carnal Christian is one who seeks to live with a foot in two kingdoms: that of Christ and that of the World. This is “double-mindedness” and, like the church at Laodicea it can breed a “lukewarm” faith that Christ abhors.

Main Point of Sermon:

Jesus is the cure for carnal Christianity because He stands as its polar opposite. He calls for absolute repentance including rejection of worldliness and an embrace of Himself and His Kingdom. He stands at the door and knocks and the offer of salvation is open to anyone, who through the Holy Spirit, answers the call.

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 offering this month will be sent to Mission to the World’s Compassion Ministry which enables MTW missionaries and national partners to respond quickly to emergency situations to meet physical needs and sharing the love of Christ. The first Sunday of the month is also a time when we collect nonperishable food items for the food pantry.

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>

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Athletic Teacher/Director

Art Teacher

Substitute Teacher

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- To count the Sunday Offering contact Brian Moran at 410-549-3923 or (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 Rouland.

ZOOM ADULT SS CLASS: FAREWELL!

May 9th of 2020 was when we held the first ZOOM Sunday School class as we had to isolate due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closing of church. Since then, we have studied together Galatians, Ruth, Job, and Philippians. We owe much thanks to Ligonier Ministries for making their resources free to use. It has been a blessing over these past 15 months when we all could not meet together. Just seeing brothers and sisters in Christ and the desire to continue digging deep into God's Word was an encouragement to us all I believe.

But as all good things come to an end so will this. This morning Pastor Barry finished Philippians and with that the ZOOM SS class will cease. Since most of us are now meeting together again the need for this class has dwindled. We will take a break for the month of August and resume all in-person Adult SS classes on September 12th with a Mixed Adult class and the Ladies class will resume as well. So, that's exciting!

Look for details on the classes in the coming weeks. But I would like to thank the Lord and each and every one of you who took the time each week to meet remotely and share in study and prayer as we sought to continue fellowship as best as we could during a very trying time.

RE Steve Madden

PASTOR BARRY'S INSTALLATION AT WESTMINSTER PCA all are invited to attend Pastor Barry's installation service on Sunday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. The address of the church is 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA. It is about an hour and a half from Liberty.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you have not been photographed, please send photos to Sandy Tracy at (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 Watkins' marriage to Kyle Ensor by showering her with gifts. *The bridal shower will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 8th immediately following the church service.* Erika & Kyle are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Amazon. **Bring & share your favorite recipe with the new couple on the recipe cards that will be provided at the shower.**

Please RSVP by August 1st to Rachel Dugan at racheldugan.rvt@gmail.com or (410)206-7619 (please leave a message if needed).

THANK YOU FROM ALPHA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We count your partnership with Alpha among our sweetest blessings! The kindness of your congregation continually encourages our hearts. Thank you so much for your participation in our Baby Bottle Campaign .Your church family collected \$2,356.95! May it give you great joy to know that your generosity will have an eternal impact in the lives of the precious families that we serve.

With a Truly Grateful Heart,
Janice, for Alpha

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT ST. STEPHEN'S ACADEMY

St. Stephen's Academy has a few positions available. The only requirement is to **love God, attend a Bible believing Church, and love children**. The position is **Kindergarten Assistant** in the morning, and overseeing their Kindergartners as their teacher during their afternoon lunch and enrichment activities. This position is 7.5 hours from 8:00-3:30. Start time can be a little bit flexible in the morning if needed. They also need an **Aftercare Assistant**. They are looking for a H.S. or College student who is willing to work from 3:15 or 3:30 until 6:00pm every day M-F or M-Th. They would be willing to split these days with two students. Great resume builder especially for someone going into teaching or childcare. John A. Dykes, Headmaster. ststephensecca@gmail.com or talk to Susan Smith for more information.

THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Peanut butter, jam/jelly, paper towels, laundry detergent, shampoo, dishwashing liquid soap

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is cancelled this week.

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



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 2 events that are happening:

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!

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

scrowe@libertychurchpca.org

Dave Tracht, Youth & Family Ministry Director

dtracht@libertychurchpca.org

Prayer List

For our church family and needs in the body:

- Pray for Robbie Byrd as he serves on the staff of Harvey Cedars Bible Conference during the month of August. Pray that the experience will increase his faith and that God will use him in a mighty way.
- 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 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 Cindy Watkins brother-in-law, Doug, who is having surgery to remove pre-cancer polyps from his colon. Pray that they will not have to remove parts of his colon.
- Praise to God that Milt Greffen, Susan Smith's dad, is healing well from his falls. Thanks to everyone at Liberty for your prayers and concern.
- 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 missionary and his ministry that Liberty Church supports:

Chris Garriott, the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) minister at University of Maryland - College Park:

- Praise God that He has called Stephen Manyara, who was involved with RUF at Maryland in 2008-09, to be the assistant Campus Minister with RUF-MD.
- Pray for Stephen and his wife, Hannah, to raise their salary this summer so that he can begin in person ministry with students this fall.
- Praise God that He has also called Amanda Jakana to be their new RUF Staff woman to minister to young women on campus.
- Pray for Amanda and her recently married husband, Caleb Jakana, for their fund raising and all of the changes coming for them, as they just moved here.
- Pray for cohesiveness and unity of mission for the expanded RUF team as Stephen and Amanda join interns Valerie Meck and Joshua Shane.
- Pray for Chris' ability to plan, administer, and delegate.
- Pray for greater outreach to the 40,000 undergrads and grad students at UMD as things come back in person in the fall, that ultimately Jesus will be lifted up and glorified and for a greater footprint of ministry to take place in different areas on campus. Pray for conversions and growth in our ministry.

Upcoming Events

Tues 7/27 - Joint Session/Deacon Meeting

Mon 9/6 - Labor Day Picnic

Volunteer Schedule		
	July 25	August 1
Security	Charlie Hancock	Chris Byrd/Tedd Tracy
Sound	Joe Kraus	Joe Rouland
Nursery	Bri Luff/Hannah Watkins	Heather Lee/Lisa Byrd
WOW	TBA	John & Tori Upperman

June 2021 Treasurer's Report

	YTD	Budget	Difference
Income Tithes and Offerings	\$279,937.00	\$261,905.00	\$18,032.00
Income Tithes and Offerings Online	\$100,932.00	\$ 112,245.00	(\$11,313.00)
Income other	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,580.00
Expenses	\$301,460.00	\$374,079.00	\$72,619.00
Gain/(Loss)			\$80,918.00

Small Group Information - All Are Welcome; call to get more information

Group	Contact	Contact Info	Meeting Date
Catonsville	Erin Tracht	Erin.tracht@gmail.com	TBD
Sykesville	Don Wheatley	410-549-0730	1st & 3rd Mondays
Reisterstown	Charlotte Crone	410-356-3189	2nd Friday
Randallstown	Candice Walker	443-657-7976	2nd Sunday after Church
Woodstock	Chuck Klein	410-655-3753	3rd Friday

Weekly Calendar

Sun 25 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children's Sunday School - 9:30 am ◆ Missions Sunday - 9:30 am ◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am ◆ Farewell Celebration for Barry & Margaret - 12:15 pm
Mon 26 July	
Tues 27 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Combined Session/Deacon Meeting - 6:00 pm
Wed 28 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ladies Summer Activity - Dianna Cote's ◆ Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm
Thur 29 July	
Fri 30 July	
Sat 31 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Memorial Service for Alan Bauer—2:00 pm
Sun 1 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Children's Sunday School - 9:30 am ◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am

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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