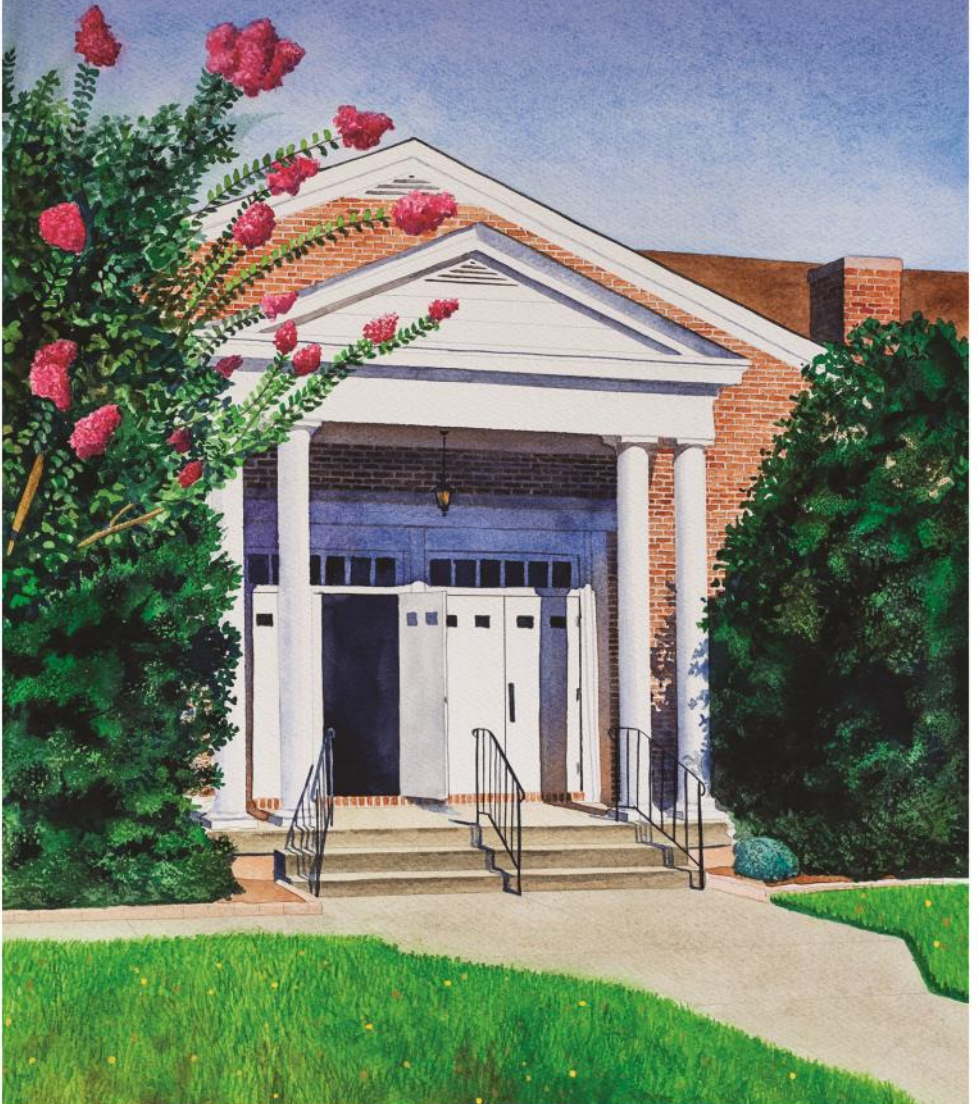


LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA



Morning Worship Service

September 26, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Reflection & Meditation

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 45:3-7S

RE Glenn Cote

***Invocation**

***Gathering Hymn**

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder,
let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood,
he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace and taught us,
gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood,
he presents our souls to God.

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Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
he who washed us with his blood
soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
join and point to mercy's store;
when thro' grace in Christ our trust is,
justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood
has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us,
now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood;
you are worthy, Lamb of God!"

Confession of Faith WLC # 1-3

Question: What is the chief and highest end of man?

Ans: Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy Him forever.

Question: How does it appear that there is a God?

Ans: The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God, but His Word and Spirit only do sufficiently and effectually reveal Him unto men for their salvation.

Question: What is the Word of God?

Ans: The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Confession of Sin

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and sincerely acknowledge before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing; therefore we merit for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, nothing but our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You, and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, pleading for Your grace to relieve our distress.

O God and Father, most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as You do blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit; that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

John 3:14-17

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

Praise Team

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matthew Boswell/Matthew Papa

Christ the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor,
though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now,
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This the ballast of assurance,
see His love forever proved
All my hope is in the anchor,
it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
as we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better
for the storms that we endured

Christ the shore of our salvation,
ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed!

Supporting Scripture Reading

Psalm 3:1-8

Dave Tracht

Hymn of Praise

Praise Team

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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Shepherding Prayer

RE Glenn Cote

Offertory

Choir

Psalter 23A The Lord's My Shepherd

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

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

***Reading of Scripture**

TE Michael Stephan

Psalm 4:1-8

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in *my* distress;
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

2 How long, O you sons of men,
Will you turn my glory to shame?
How long will you love worthlessness
And seek falsehood?

Selah

3 But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly;
The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

4 Be angry, and do not sin.
Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.

Selah

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the LORD.

6 *There are many who say,*
“Who will show us any good?”
LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;
For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

*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

Rev. Michael Stephan

“The Lord Hears”

*Hymn of Response

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O Jesus, I Have Promised

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.

***Benediction**

***Hymn of Glory**

Doxology

Postlude

This morning we welcome to the pulpit, **Rev Michael Stephan**. Mike was born in Annapolis, MD on April 15, 1973 and grew up in Severna Park, MD and graduated from Severna Park High School in 1991. He spent ten years in the United States Army as a Chaplain and was deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his time in the Army, he and his family were called to Severna Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church where he ministers as the Assistant Pastor of Congregational Life. Mike has been married for 25 years to the former Barbara Carrell. They have two daughters, Jenna (15) and Leigha (13). They currently live in Millersville, MD.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered next Sunday and our mercy needs offering which will be used to help the flood victims in Louisiana, 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.

For the Women of Liberty Church and Friends



What: Grounded: Standing Firm in a Shaking World

Livestream conference by Revive '21



When: Friday, October 8, 1:30 – 10 pm

Saturday, October 9, 8:30 am – 7 pm

Where: Liberty Church Sanctuary

Cost: No cost, no need to RSVP, stay as long as you are able

Details: **Childcare*** and beverages provided but meals on your own.

Contact: Susan Smith (410-476-7273) or Erin Weitzel (443-629-8175) with questions.

***For Saturday only. RSVP by Wed., Oct. 6, to office@libertychurchpca.org if you need childcare.**

Please join us as we are challenged to let the roots of our faith grow deeper into the soil of God's Truth. Speakers include Susan Hunt, Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, Chris Brooks, and Danna Gresh. These women of faith are experienced in talking with women of all ages concerning the trials and challenges of a life of Faith in a world whose foundation is crumbling.

Come join us! Bring friends! Come to worship and learn!

Reminder: the Bridal Shower for Leah begins at 1:00 pm today in Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called our October Stated Congregational Meeting (per our bylaws) to be held on Tuesday evening, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM. There will be two announced items on our agenda for that Congregational meeting: 1) elect the Pulpit Search Committee and 2) hear and recommend adoption of the 2022 budget (per our bylaws).

- 1) Below is the complete list of nominees submitted by the congregation and the slate of candidates recommended by the Session. Ballots will be handed out and members will be asked to vote in the four categories shown below.
- 2) The 2022 budget, and the cover letter from the FMC, will be available to the congregation on the back table. Each budget line item will contain the name of a person or church organization (i.e. Session, Deacons, etc.) responsible for that line item. As is our practice, we are asking each member with questions about a budget line item, to please call prior to the congregational meeting, and discuss your questions with the person listed on the budget. The objective is to answer as many questions as possible prior to the congregational meeting, so that the congregational meeting can be conducted as efficiently as possible.

Pulpit Search Committee 2021 Nominees						
	<u>Ruling Elders</u> <i>(Vote for a maximum of 2)</i>	<u>Deacons</u> <i>(Vote for a maximum of 2)</i>	<u>Men from Congregation</u> <i>(Vote for a maximum of 4)</i>		<u>Women from Congregation</u> <i>(Vote for a maximum of 4)</i>	
Session Recommends:	Chuck Klein Steve Madden	Chris Byrd Brian Moran	Peter Crowe Stuart Luff	Tom Knott Lawrence Walker	Lynnda Bird Maxine Saylor	Amy Huey Sarah Smith
Additional Nominees:	Glenn Cote Don Wheatley	Charlie Hancock	Shawn Huey	Joe Rouland	Linda Anderson Carol Byrd Briana Luff Beth Wheatley	Chris Bohmer Margaret Lambooy Candice Walker

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Turner Roofers will start work on the church roof on Monday, September 27th.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ladies Class/The book of Joshua

Fellowship Hall

Joyce Klein

The Life of David class

Fellowship Hall

Phil Lambooy

(Please read 1 Samuel, Chapters 24-26 for the class on Oct 3)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is a flier on the back tables with the children's Sunday school classrooms.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

ADULT CHOIR

Meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We would like to begin a Children's Choir again this year. The choir would include children 4-12 years. Practice will begin the end of September. Please contact Susan Smith if you would like your child to participate.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

I will now be attending worship on a regular basis and will be available to take photos for the directory. Please hunt me down if you would like to have your photo taken. Also please continue to email photos to me (sandyland17@gmail.com), if that works better for you. Let's get this little project done, and then enjoy the results with a great resource to help our church family get to know each other better! Thanks, Sandy Tracy

NEW ADDRESS

Tom and Julie Crone

240 Arrow Lane

Union Bridge, MD 21791

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LOCAL EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 31

HELP SAVE LIVES IN OWINGS MILLS!

You can protect mothers and children by joining the worldwide mobilization to pray and fast to end abortion. With God's help, here are the proven results over 27 campaigns:

- 18,000 babies saved from abortion
- 211 abortion workers converted
- 107 abortion centers closed

40 Days for Life at the Owings Mills Femi-Care abortion mill could use more prayer and prayer volunteers on Painters Mill or Dolfield Rds.

Visit 40daysforlife.com/en/owingsmills to sign up for times. Call Carol Byrd 410-371-9091 for more information or join her on Dolfield Rd most days from 8-9:00 am.

Living Stones Youth Ministry @ Liberty

Liberty's Youth Ministry (known as "Living Stones") is designed for students 6th-12th grades 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 Fall 2021 focus will be on the parables of Jesus.

What is the context of the parable?

Who was the intended audience? Was there more than one?

What can we learn from these parables as individuals?

What can we apply from these parables to the church?

How do these parables help us to interpret the world around us?

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

1 Peter 2:5

Dave Tracht

Liberty Youth Director



Children's Ministry @ Liberty

Nursery (for children 18 months through 3 years of age) is OPEN!

It will be held in the Nursey room downstairs with the "Healthy Child Policy" in place to protect our volunteers & children

Wonders of Worship takes place during the service on Sunday mornings

Children's Sunday School takes place from 9:30-10:30am Sunday mornings

Interested in volunteering now or in the future? Please contact Sarah!

Sarah Crowe, Nursery & Children's Ministry Director
scrowe@libertychurchpca.org

Dave Tracht, Youth & Family Ministry Director
dtracht@libertychurchpca.org

Living Stones Youth Group meets here at Liberty from

5:45-8:45pm on Friday nights!

- **10/1**> *No Meeting
- **10/8**> Meeting @ Liberty
- **10/15**> Meeting @ Liberty
- **10/22**> Meeting @ Liberty
- **10/29-10/30**> “Camp and Serve” Retreat

*We will be camping Friday night in the meadow at First Fruits & volunteering on the farm on Saturday to

Are you interested in supporting our youth ministry? You can sponsor a student to attend a retreat or event by going to:

<https://libertychurchpca.org/ministries/youth-ministry/>

Sponsoring our youth to attend these events is a meaningful way to come along side our families and the youth ministry here at Liberty. We thank you for considering supporting us in this meaningful way.

Are you willing to cook for the youth?

We are also looking for folks to volunteer to provide meals for our Friday meetings. Please contact Dave if you are interested in helping in this way!

Prayer List

For our church family and needs in the body:

- Please pray for Ted Peiffer's physical strength and stamina as he undergoes radiation therapy for prostate cancer.
- Pray for Pastor Barry in his new position at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, PA.
- Pray for healing for Jan Duty and Val Thomas.

For extended family, friends and others:

- Pray for healing for Byron and Yvette Beam's son, Ian who is in York Hospital with Covid.
- 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 God to protect, guide, rescue, and comfort Afghani Christians, US citizens, and US allies from the life threatening situations they face.
- Pray for repentance and revival in our country that many people would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- Pray that many people will pray during this 40 Days for Life event (September 22-October 31), and that women will not have abortions.

For Liberty Christian School:

- LCS will be kicking off the 2021-2022 Partnership Legacy Fund this coming week. This annual fund is an essential part of funding for the Liberty Christian School and we need your support to continue to bring a quality Christ-centered education to our students. Pledge cards will be mailed on September 28th and we pray you will consider giving.
- On October 4-5th our 8th grade students are going on an overnight retreat to the Black Rock Retreat Center. They will be focusing on Team Building in preparation for their upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico. Please pray for safety and fun for all!
- LCS is launching a new F.A.N. Program on October 5th - "Friends, Ambassador, Network" a new "word of mouth" marketing strategy. Pray we are able to get the volunteers needed to spread the word in our communities.

For Our Missionaries:

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

Richard and Robyn Crane, part of the MTW (Mission to the World) Global Theological Education Team, request prayer for the following:

- Praise God for the opportunities to teach at ThirdMill Seminary and the impact the spiritual care course has had on his students. Pray for his development of the Introduction to Counseling course.
- COVID has had devastating effects in Cub@, where they also minister online. The effects of the disease, lack of medicines and food, discouragement, and depression are just some the effects.
- Pray for:
 - encouragement and wisdom for the pastors and the saints in Cub@ in the midst of so much suffering.
 - For humanitarian aid from different countries to go to the people in most need.
 - That the vaccine rollout may speed up and that the pandemic may be controlled.

You can send donations to Cub@ Diaconal Fund Project No. 92751 on the MTW website.

Baltimore Antioch Leadership Movement (BALM) as they seek to multiply Christ-centered, cross-cultural disciple-making leaders for Baltimore and beyond:

- Jesus had a B.A.L.M approach: Being with Jesus, Apprenticing to Jesus, Living on Mission, and Multiplying disciple-makers. Jesus's approach was developmental and holistic-head, heart and hands all engaged. Metro Baltimore Seminary (MBS) follows such a framework.
- Pray for the seminarians and teachers as classes have resumed at MBS this month, with 15 new students!
- Ten couples recently completed the BALM Underground Missionary Pathway training. Pray that new micro-churches might emerge for His glory and Kingdom.
- Pray God will raise up donors for BALM to meet their 2021 budget.

Chris & Victoria Cox, International Xchange Organization (IXO) missionaries in Cambodia request prayer for the following:

- For wisdom and guidance because a critical issue has risen, regarding the material that they are using in their work.
- For Chris who will be traveling much more in the near future and for the rest of family while he is away.
- For wisdom for Chris, Victoria, and Charis as they consider the best way for her to begin her college career next year.

Volunteer Schedule		
	September 26	October 3
Security	Brian Moran	Charlie Hancock
Sound	Joe Kraus	Joe Rouland
Nursery	Rebekah Weinrich/Beth	Robin Moran/Erin Weitzel
WOW	Tori Upperman/John	TBA

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	410-917-6238	2nd Sunday after Church
Woodstock	Chuck Klein	410-655-3753	3rd Friday

August 2021 Treasurer's Report			
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	YTD	Budget	Difference
Income Tithes and Offerings	\$352,435.00	\$349,381.00	\$ 3,054.00
Income Tithes and Offerings Online	\$131,620.00	\$149,735.00	(\$18,115.00)
Income Other	\$ 3,113.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,713.00
Expenses	\$392,012.00	\$499,524.00	\$107,512.00
Gain/(Loss)			\$ 95,164.00

Weekly Calendar

Sun 26 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Adult & Children's Sunday School - 9:30 am ◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am ◆ Bridal Shower for Leah Yancey - 1:00 pm
Mon 27 September	
Tues 28 September	
Wed 29 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm ◆ Adult Choir Practice ◆ Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Thurs 30 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ladies Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Fri 1 October	
Sat 2 October	
Sun 3 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Adult & 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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