



Sunday, November 28, 2021

Morning Worship Service

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Reflection & Meditation

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Crowe Family

Hope

***Call to Worship**

Luke 2:25-32

***Invocation**

***Gathering Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 20-22

Question: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

Ans: God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Question: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

Ans: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Question: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

Ans: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasoning soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise Team

Angels We Have Heard On High

James Chadwick/Edward Barnes

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains
Glor-ia! In excelsis deo!
Glor-ia! In excelsis deo!

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song
Glor-ia! In excelsis deo!
Glor-ia! In excelsis deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King
Glor-ia! In excelsis deo!
Glor-ia! In excelsis deo!

See Him in a manger laid whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph lend your aid while our hearts in love we raise
Glor-ia! In excelsis deo!
Glor-ia! In excelsis deo!

Supporting Scripture Reading

Dave Tracht

Colossians 3:1-8

Hymn of Praise

Praise Team

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Shepherding Prayer

RE Michael Anderson

Offertory

Praise Team

Glory in the Heights

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

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

We love to have children in the worship service.

*As parents train their children to worship God corporately, the nursery or cry room may be used,
as needed, if you feel your child is becoming too restless and vocal.*

***Reading of Scripture**

TE Arch Van Devender

Ephesians 1:15–21 (NKJV)

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Sermon

Rev. Arch Van Devender

“The Hope of His Calling”

***Hymn of Response**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, The Saviour of the world is here.
Life and salvation he doth bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise thee, Father, now, Creator, wise art thou!

A Helper just he comes to thee, His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe he brings; Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise thee, Saviour, now, Mighty in deed art thou!

O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy he is, Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise thee, Spirit, now, Our Comforter art thou!.

***Benediction**

***Hymn of Glory**

Doxology

Postlude

Sermon Notes

Fallen Condition Focus:

Much of what plagues the world today is the loss of hope. It shows up in statistics of suicide, the plague of drug use, the “deadened” life lived by so many around us. People have given up on hope and settled on despair. This makes the Christian witness of hope a primary avenue for sharing the Gospel.

Main Point of Sermon:

Christian hope has almost nothing in common with wishful thinking. It lies at the heart of a “flourishing” life and is the highest good (*summum bonum*) to which we can aspire in this life. It is also the birthright of all born-again Christians, their heritage in Christ.

Announcements:

Liberty Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering as a...

- **A volunteer for Nursery** (volunteer once every 6 weeks during the Sunday morning worship service)
- **teacher or helper for Wonders of Worship** (once a month commitment on Sunday morning during the sermon beginning November 14)
- **female leader for Pioneer Girls** (Wednesday night ministry for girls Pre-K through 5th grade beginning ASAP)

For more information, contact Sarah Crowe scrowe@libertychurchpca.org

VOLUNTEER NEEDED from within Liberty's membership who would be willing to take the Financial Secretary responsibility, please contact Brian Moran for additional information. This position, which requires approval by Liberty's congregation at our January Congregational meeting, includes a paid stipend of \$2,500 per year.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

NEW MEMBER CLASS SEMINAR SPRING 2022!

We will be having a New Member Seminar starting on January 9, 2022. This class is a requirement for those wishing to join Liberty Church. It is for information purposes to acquaint you to the tenets of the PCA and the reformed doctrinal faith. The class will be held for 7 weeks and will meet from 9:30 - 10:30am each Sunday. Because we take membership in God's church seriously it is incumbent upon those participating to make these meetings a priority. Please email the church with your contact information (email and mobile phone #) so that we can get in touch with you.

ADULT CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Adult Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Children's Choir meets on Sundays immediately after church in the choir room.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ladies Class/The book of Joshua

Fellowship Hall

Joyce Klein

The Life of David class

Fellowship Hall

Phil Lambooy

Reading assignment chapter 11 and chapter 12 in 2nd Samuel.

LCS Announcements

GIVING TUESDAY

Exciting News! We are blessed to have several anonymous donors committed to **matching new and increased donations** made to our Partnership Legacy Fund **up to \$5,000.00 on Giving Tuesday - Tuesday, November 30th.** All new or

increased donations received online (or postmarked) on November 30th will be matched up to \$5,000. If you would like to invest in the Christ-Centered education provided by LCS,

please visit our website <https://www.libertychristianschoolmd.com/online-giving> or mail your donation to Liberty Christian School, 11303 Liberty Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117 and postmark on November 30th.

LCS is selling Gift Cards for the Christmas season. Not sure what to get that special someone? Need a gift card that's hard to find? Look no further! Complete the order form below with this Scrip Payment Summary page and submit with your payment of cash or check to the school office. You may pay using a credit card for an additional 3.5%.

The deadline to order is Tuesday, November 30th. Cards will be ready for pick up beginning December 17th.

Thanks in advance for supporting this LCS Fundraiser!

LCS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shane Sadler, Kitchen Manager at LCS, can always use help during the three lunch periods (11:00, 11:30 and 12:00) during the week. The task is not difficult...place the entree onto each child's tray. Believe it or not, that act frees up Shane to continue to work in the kitchen so that everything runs smoothly. Please look at your schedule and pick a day to serve 1 1/2 hours in our school. Call Carol Byrd 410-371-9091 and she will put you on the calendar.

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 is available for walking 12 month olds through 3 years of age in the Noah's Ark room downstairs. We have a "Healthy Child Policy" in place to protect our volunteers & children.

Wonders of Worship takes place during the sermon 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 Fall 2021 Schedule

11/26> Turkey Bowl @ Liberty 2pm

Bring family & friends to come play some football and run off a little Thanksgiving turkey while you're at it!

12/3> Regular Meeting @ Liberty

12/10> Regular Meeting @ Liberty

12/17> Regular Meeting @ Liberty

12/24> *No Meeting (Christmas Eve service)

12/31> *No Meeting (New Year's Eve)

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:

- Continue to pray for Donna Roberts whose struggling following a recent medical procedure.
- Pray for Carolyn Bauer who broke her back and is recovering at home.
- Pray for Rose Hofmann as she undergoes treatments for cancer.
- Pray for healing for Jan Duty and Val Thomas.

For extended family, friends and others:

- Pray for Erika Watkins coworker, Sonni who is in the hospital on a ventilator due to Covid. She is making progress in healing but still has a long way to go.
- Pray for Susan Smith's father, Milt Greffen, who is in Carroll Hospital recovering from surgery.
- 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 Afghan 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.

For Liberty Christian School:

- Please be in prayer for the LCS faculty, staff and students as they enjoy the extended Thanksgiving break with family and friends. Pray that all return healthy, so we can continue classes without any disruption.
- Please be in prayer for the "Lion's Den"..... a small group of church members, faculty/staff and parents that meet on Wednesdays each week in prayer for each LCS student, faculty/staff and school board member.

For Our Missionaries:

Please pray for the following missionaries and their ministries:

Jacob and Pei Jasin, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)-International ministers at Johns Hopkins University (JHU):

- Praise God that more and more students coming to their programs, experiencing the love of Christ. Please pray for the students to be drawn to the saving grace of Christ, that they will be encouraged to explore the Gospel, to study the Bible, and to visit church with RUF-I members. Pray for unbelieving students who have been studying the Bible with RUF-I members, that God will graciously give them saving faith in Christ.
- Praise God for a new ministry area "International Women's Group" that meets once a month. More students are learning about this and are interested to come to the next meeting. Please pray for God to bless this new ministry.
- Pray for their Christmas Party on December 3. Pray that the gospel will be clearly understood by students through Jacob's message and the singing and explanation of Christmas songs.

Chris & Victoria Cox

- Praise God that Grandma Miriam, a lady in a neighboring village that Chris helped to get glasses, is interested in reading scripture. Chris has studied scripture with her at least three times so far. Pray that she will come to know the Lord.

Brad Phillips, leader of the Persecution Project Foundation (PPF) in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan request:

- Prayer for our brethren in Sudan as they represent the love of Christ to their neighbors in the midst of very difficult and uncertain times, due to the military takeover.

Increasing numbers of Nuba people are fleeing northern Sudan and are making their way to Southern Kordofan to find peace, freedom of worship, and a new life. There is an urgent need to provide emergency food and shelter items to assist these Nuba returnees.

- Pray for Persecution Project to provide emergency relief to 1,000 Nuba families during their Christmas outreaches.

Volunteer Schedule		
	November 21	November 28
Security	Ken Stetson	Tom Crone/James Hoff
Nursery	Bri Luff/Hannah Watkins	Heather Lee/Lisa Byrd
WOW	Kaiah Chilton/Rachel Dugan	Candice Walker/Hannah Watkins

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/ Owings Mills	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

Treasurer's Report for October 2021

	YTD	Budget	Difference
Income Tithes & Offerings	\$435,344.00	\$436,491.00	(\$ 1,147.00)
Income Tithes & Offerings Online	\$162,006.00	\$187,068.00	(\$25,062.00)
Income Other	\$ 47,669.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 47,169.00
Expenses	\$692,125.00	\$692,140.00	(\$ 67,985.00)
Gain/(Loss)			(\$45,025.00)

Weekly Calendar

Sun 28 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Adult & Children's Sunday School - 9:30 am ◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am ◆ Children's choir - 12:30pm
Mon 29 November	
Tues 30 November	
Wed 1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm ◆ CSB Stockade - 6:30 pm at LCS ◆ Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 pm ◆ Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Thurs 2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ladies Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Fri 3 December	
Sat 4 December	
Sun 5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Adult & Children's Sunday School - 9:30 am ◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am ◆ Children's choir - 12:30pm

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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