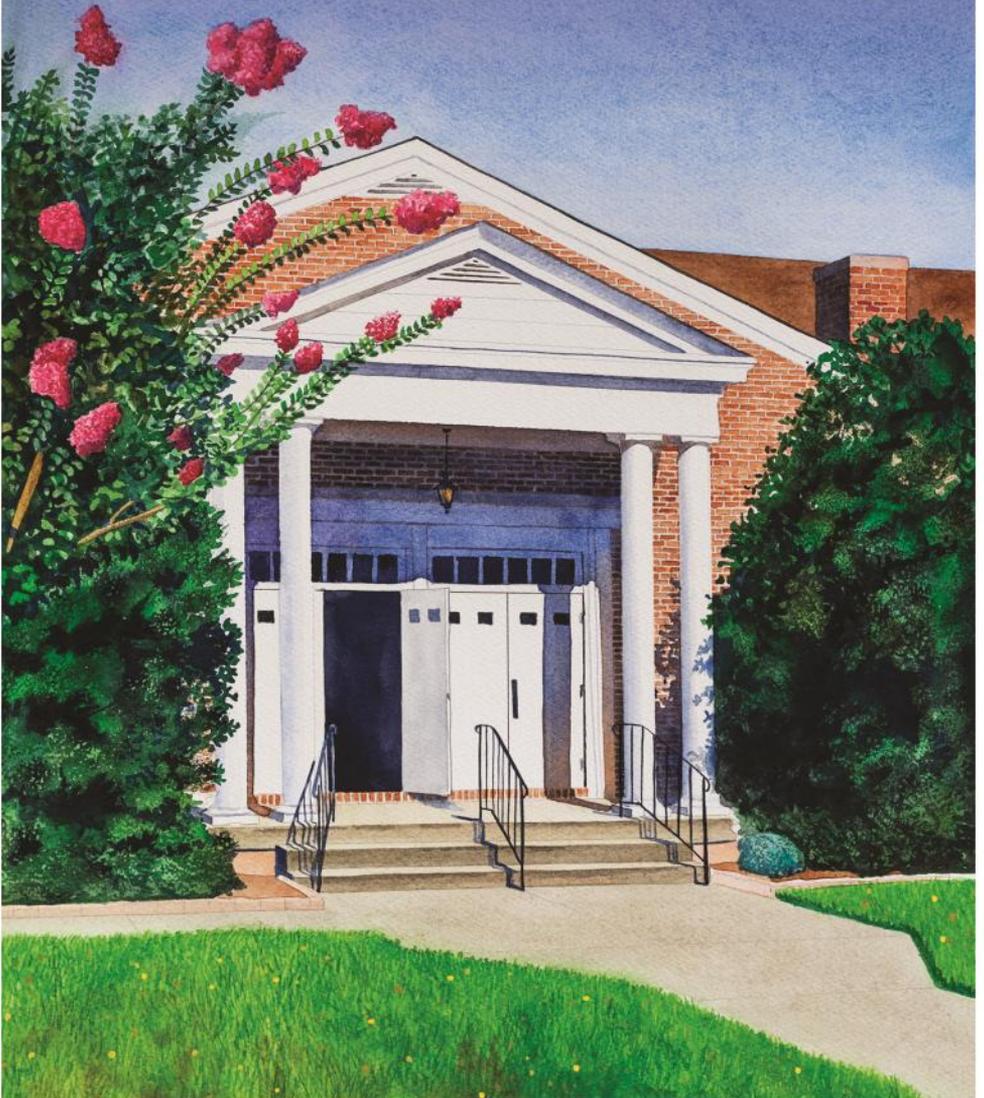


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CHURCH, PCA



Morning Worship Service

December 26, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Reflection & Meditation

***Call to Worship**

Matthew 2:6; 1 Timothy 3:16

Leader: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler Who will shepherd my people Israel.

Congregation: **Proclaim it among the nations. Great indeed, is the mystery of godliness: Christ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.**

***Invocation**

***Gathering Hymn**

#320

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle-bed,
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

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Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 35 & 36

Q. 35 Question: What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

Ans: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

Q. 36 Question: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

Ans: He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sight my sin—mine since I was conceived.

Confession of Sin

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, Oh Lord! with heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Words of Assurance

Colossians 1:13-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymns of Praise

Praise Team

His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa & Matt Boswell

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more!

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (*chorus*)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (*chorus*)

*Supporting Scripture Reading

Dave Tracht

Isaiah 60:1-6

In Christ Alone

Praise Team

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Shepherding Prayer

RE Steve Madden

Offertory

Choir

The Wexford Carol/Helvey

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

Michael Fennimore

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵ They told him,

"In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Sermon

Michael Fennimore

Oh Worship the King!

*Hymn of Response

#317

What Child Is This

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are
keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

*Benediction

*Hymn of Glory

Doxology

Postlude

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 first Sunday of the month is also a time when we collect nonperishable food items for the food pantry.

Prayer List

For our church family and needs in the body:

- Continue to pray for Glenn Cote and Charles Runkles.
- 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 Glenn Wagner who is in the hospital in Gettysburg with heart failure. Pray for peace and comfort for Kay and that God will keep Glenn comfortable.
- Continue to pray for Debbie Belcher's granddaughter, Wesley, who is four months old that the feeding tube will help her to thrive.
- 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 recovering from surgery.
- Pray for the spiritual health of marriages and families within the Body.
- 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:

- Please be in prayer for the LCS faculty, staff and students as they enjoy the extended Christmas 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:

Chuck and Debbie Garriott of Ministry to State (MTS), a PCA mission of

Mission to North America (MNA) to government personnel, request the following:

- Praise God that He has called John Hanna to work with legislators in Trenton, N.J. with MTS. Pray that he would be effective in establishing Gospel relationships with the elected and those who serve in the various government positions.
- Please pray for MTS's year-end financial needs.

Kevin and Lori Chilton, teacher and office aide, respectively, at Wycliffe's Rainforest International School (RFIS) in Cameroon, West Africa, request the following:

- Pray for resolution of their water well problems.

Paul & Stephanie Billings, Executive Director of Campus Outreach (CO), reaching out to students with the Gospel at George Washington, Georgetown, Howard, and American Universities in Washington, DC:

- James, John, and Charlie at Georgetown U have been meeting with Paul regularly to investigate God's Word together and have even come to church for the first time. Pray that they will grow and put their trust in Jesus.



Upcoming Events

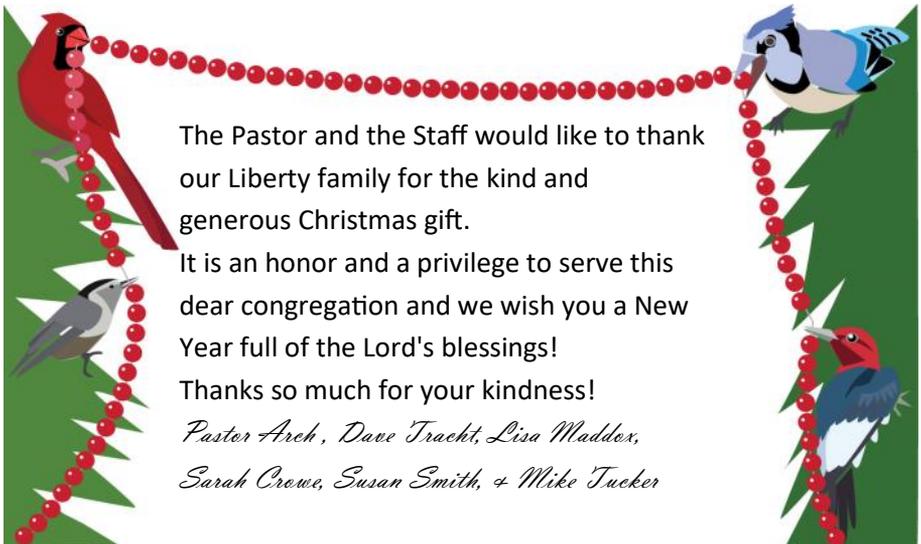
Sunday, January 2 - No Adult & Children's
Sunday School

Sunday, January 23 - Semi-annual January
Congregational Meeting -
Immediately after the worship service

Friday, January 14 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Foster
the Family Support Group
(sponsored by Open Hearts)

Volunteer Schedule

| | December 26 | January 2 |
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| Security | Chris Byrd/Tedd Tracy | Ken Stetson |
| Nursery | Robin Moran/Sarah Crowe | Emma McCabe/Bri Luff |
| WOW | Kaiah Chilton/Rachel Dugan | Candice Walker/Hannah Watkins |



The Pastor and the Staff would like to thank our Liberty family for the kind and generous Christmas gift.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve this dear congregation and we wish you a New Year full of the Lord's blessings!

Thanks so much for your kindness!

*Pastor Arch, Dave Tracht, Lisa Maddox,
Sarah Crowe, Susan Smith, & Mike Tucker*

Weekly Calendar

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| Sun 26 December | ◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am |
| Mon 27 December | ◆ Church Office Closed/Christmas Day (observed) |
| Tues 28 December | |
| Wed 29 December | |
| Thurs 30 December | |
| Fri 31 December | ◆ Church Office Closed/New Year's Day (observed) |
| Sat 1 January |  |
| Sun 2 January | ◆ No Sunday School ◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am |

For this week the deadline for announcements for the bulletin is Tuesday 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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