



Sunday, December 5, 2021

Morning Worship Service

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Reflection & Meditation

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Luff Family

Peace

The Price of OUR Peace

Ministry Minute

Open Hearts Ministry

Erin Tracht

***Call to Worship**

Romans 5:1-5

***Invocation**

***Gathering Hymn**

#293

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism # 76

Question: What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?

Ans: It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and in this way to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

But it means more. Though the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.

Confession of Sin

Most Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and lazy in doing good, and all our 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, 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. And, O most Holy and loving Father, help us, we beg You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 57:15,16,19

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Supporting Scripture Reading

Isaiah 26:1-3

Ron Smith

***Hymn of Praise**

#311

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Shepherding Prayer

RE Glenn Cote

Offertory

Choir

A Joyful Introit/Praetorius, arr. Liebergen

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 2:11–18

¹¹ Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once

were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Sermon

Rev. Arch Van Devender

“Christ Our Peace”

***Hymn of Invitation**

#292

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

[Note: the outer ring contains wine. The inner rings contain juice which is in plum colored cups. The wafers are gluten free.]

*Hymn of Response

#284

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh—his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

*Benediction

*Hymn of Glory

Doxology

Postlude

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered today. We are exhorted in Scripture to be reconciled one to another, in all humility, as we prepare to rejoice together in our reconciliation to the Father through Jesus Christ by one Spirit. Our Mercy Needs offering will be received today along with our general offering. Please designate your check accordingly.



Sermon Notes

Fallen Condition Focus:

Peace is one of the deepest aspirations of the human heart. It is also the reason why so many lives are lived in frustration, anger, and irritation. Our God has said that “there is no peace for the wicked”, thus any man, woman, or child, who has not found rest in Jesus Christ is to be without true peace all the days of their lives. Sin produces agitation in us and prevents peace, thus the absence of peace accounts for much of the chaos in secular societies.

Main Point of Sermon:

God in His wisdom has provided a way that peace may reign in the hearts of men and even within the community of those who are called according to His purpose. He has broken down the walls of separation that divide men in ungodliness from each other by first tearing down the veil which separates us from Himself. The incarnate Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, has done this and has become our Peace.

Sermon Notes Continued

Preparing for a King!



You're Invited to a Baby Shower

This year, for Christmas giving, the Open Hearts ministry hopes to stock the Blessings Closet with all the essentials, that should be in new condition.

We use these items to provide for foster families as they welcome a child or provide to families in need. We also would like to donate extra diapers to Alpha Pregnancy Center, a local mission Liberty supports.

Please donate the following items to the back of the old sanctuary by December 19th:



- Diapers (small pkgs. of newborn - size 6)
- Formula (Similac, Enfamil)
- Wipes (sensitive or fragrance free)
- Pacifiers
- Bottles
- Underwear (2T through size 14/16)
- Socks (toddler through adult)
- Toothbrushes and travel toothpaste

If you have any questions, please email: libertyopenhearts@gmail.com

Announcements:

Liberty Announcements

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ladies Class/The book of Joshua	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Klein
The Life of David class Reading assignment chapter 13 and chapter 14 in 2nd Samuel.	Fellowship Hall	Phil Lambooy

2022 ENVELOPES/END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Please pick up your 2022 envelopes from the back table. If you would like envelopes but didn't get them, contact Henry Helweick at 44marlie@gmail.com

In order to receive a tax deduction for 2021, all giving must be postmarked no later than December 31st.

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.

NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Desserts are needed for the reception after the Christmas concert. If you are able to provide a dessert, please contact Dianna Cote so she can keep track of how many desserts she will have to decide if she needs to get more.

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.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service for Donna Roberts will be held on Friday, December 10th at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. There will be a luncheon following the service in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to provide a dessert, please contact Dianna Cote.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

An early Christmas present for our Liberty family...the new Liberty Church Photo Directory is available as of today! Pick up yours while they are hot off the press. See Sandy Tracy...I have one with your name on it. No longer will I be stalking you each Sunday trying to get your photo updated. If there are any corrections needed with your info (and please don't have any!), send me an email (you'll find that in the new directory!).

LCS Announcements

Open Positions:

- Substitute School Nurse - An as Needed Position, Pay based on Experience and Degree level
- Part Time Art Teacher - 28 hours per week, Benefit eligible, Pay based on experience

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
- LCS will be offering a Holiday Shop for Students to shop for friends and family. If you would like to help with setting up on Friday afternoon, December 10th or assisting in the Holiday Shop on Monday, December 13th, Tuesday, December 14th or Wednesday, December 15th, please email Robin Moran at moranr@libertychristian.us.

LCS will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair beginning Friday, December 3rd through Friday December 10th. Consider stopping by during the times posted below and do a little Christmas Shopping and support this LCS fundraiser too! *Note the special hours on Sunday, December 5th immediately following our worship service.*

Friday, 12/3 from 8:30 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, 12/5 from 12:15 - 1:30 pm

Monday, 12/6 from 8:30 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, 12/7 from 8:30 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, 12/8 from 8:30 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, 12/9 from 8:30 - 5:30 pm

Friday, 12/10 from 8:30 - 12:30 pm

Please note that when visiting the school we ask that you please kindly wear a mask.

Thank you!

Robin Moran, LCS Development Director

LIBERTY CHURCH PRESENTS

The Light of Christmas




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Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 PM
Liberty Church, PCA

This free concert reflects on the meaning of Christmas through Liberty's music ensembles. A love offering will be taken and there will be a reception following the concert.

Call Liberty Church for more information at 410-655-5466,
or visit LibertyChurchPCA.org

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

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:

- Pray for peace and comfort for the family of Donna Roberts who went to be with the Lord on Friday, November 26th. There will be a memorial service for her here on Friday, December 10th.
- Pray for healing and comfort for Pat Schlitzer who had gall bladder surgery.
- 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 peace and comfort for friends of the Trachts, the Melka family, who just lost their pregnancy at 22 weeks.
- 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 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:

- Praise that our Faculty, Staff and Students returned healthy from the extended Thanksgiving break and we were able to continue classes without any disruption.
- Praise that preliminarily LCS received \$7,000 (including the generous matching funds) on Giving Tuesday, November 30th. We are still praying we will hit our goal of \$10,000 after the checks postmarked on November 30th are received.
- 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:

The Westminster Rescue Mission provides clinical, physical, and spiritual resources to heal the addicted and feed the hungry through three programs: the Addiction Healing Center, Mission Food Program, and Mission Marketplace.

- Pray that God will use them to bring people to Christ, help clients to become whole people again, and provide for people in need.

Mount Clare Christian School (MCCS), in Baltimore City requests:

- Pray that each of the students would give their hearts to Jesus and be trained as disciples who are willing to make their lives living sacrifices for Him.
- Pray for the homes and families of students in difficult situations.
- Pray for the seniors as they prepare for their future after high school.

Alpha Pregnancy Center in Reisterstown requests:

Praise to God for:

- The 12 babies born into Alpha's family in November.
- All the donors who have made Christmas special for their moms & little ones.

Pray for:

- Size 6 diapers, wipes, pull-ups
- The health of their staff & volunteers
- Their upcoming planning meeting; for direction & God's guidance



Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 19 - 3:00 pm

Christmas Concert

Friday, December 24 - 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve/Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 26 - 9:30 am

No Sunday School

10:45 am Worship

Guest Pastor: Michael Fennimore

Volunteer Schedule

	December 5	December 12
Security	Tom Crone/James Hoff	Brian Moran
Nursery	Heather Lee/Lisa Byrd	Erin Tracht/Amy Huey
WOW	Candice Walker/Hannah Watkins	Peter Crowe/Sarah Crowe

Treasurer's Report for October 2021/Amended

	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	\$624,140.00	(\$ 67,985.00)
Gain/(Loss)			(\$45,025.00)

Weekly Calendar

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
Mon 6 December	
Tues 7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Deacons Meeting—7:00 pm
Wed 8 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 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ladies Bible Study— 7:00 pm
Fri 10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Memorial Service for Donna Roberts - 11:00 am
Sat 11 December	
Sun 12 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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