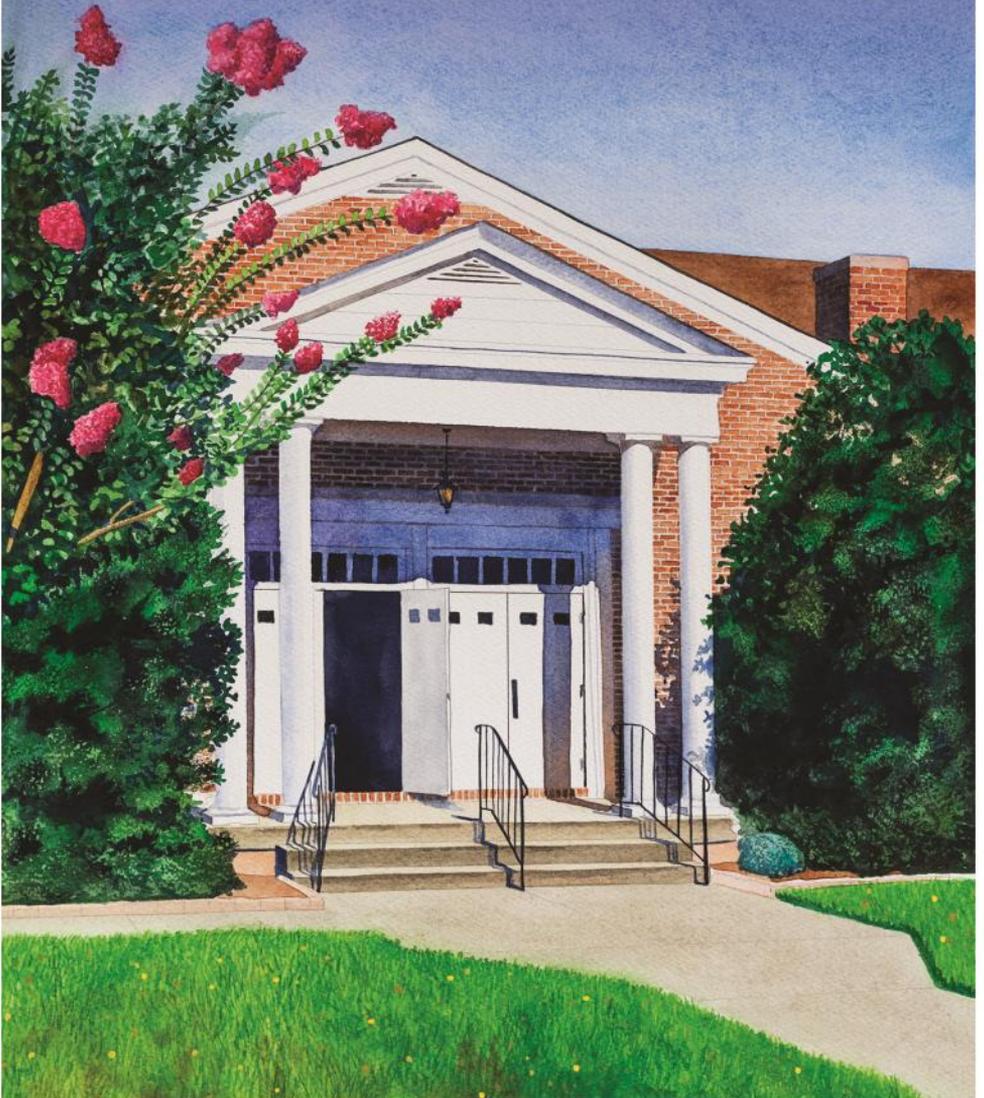


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# **Morning Worship Service**

January 9, 2022

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

RE Glenn Cote

## **Silent Reflection & Meditation**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Exodus 19:4-6

### **\*Invocation**

### **\*Gathering Hymn**

#411

Shout, For The Blessed Jesus Reigns

Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread;  
and sinners, freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar; they all at Zion's gates arrive;  
those who were dead in sin before by sov'reign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey; nations remote their off'rings bring,  
and unconstrained their homage pay to their exalted God and King.

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail,  
while angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all below and all above!  
In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

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**Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

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

**Question:** How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

**Ans:** Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having, after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections to heaven itself, and to prepare a place for us, where he is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

**Confession of Sin**

#341

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov'reign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,  
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do

**Silent Confession of Personal Sin**

**Words of Assurance**

Micah 5:2-5

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## \*Hymns 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**

Dave Tracht

Ephesians 6:10-20

Behold our God

*Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrodge*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

*Behold our God seated on His throne*

*Come, let us adore Him*

*Behold our King—nothing can compare*

*Come, let us adore Him*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign  
*(Chorus)*

You will reign forever  
Let Your glory fill the earth

**Shepherding Prayer**

RE Glenn Cote

**Offertory**

Choir

*Song of Simeon (Psalter Hymnal #295)*

## 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

Revelation 12:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. <sup>15</sup> So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

<sup>16</sup> But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

### Sermon

Rev. Arch Van Devender

At Home in The Wilderness

### \*Hymn of Response

#421

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,  
earth's remotest regions shall his empire be;  
they that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring, kings shall  
render tribute, nations serve our King.

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,  
earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.

When the needy seek him, he will mercy show;  
yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know;  
he will surely save them from oppression's might,  
for their lives are precious in his holy sight.  
Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,  
earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.

Ever and forever shall his name endure;  
long as suns continue it shall stand secure;  
and in him forever all men shall be blest,  
and all nations hail him King of kings confessed.  
Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,  
earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn of Glory**

Doxology

**Postlude**

**Fallen Condition Focus:**

Christians can, too easily, find themselves “at home” in the world. Our abundant providential blessings, freedom from direct persecution or discrimination, and consuming focus on the things the culture screams at us to consider, think, or choose, can lead us to forgetting our true status. Few of us are willing to “give up” our comforts.

**Main Point of Sermon:**

Jesus' instructions to the disciples and, through them, to us, communicates explicitly and clearly that we are to follow His example in “washing each other's feet.” This was culturally literal in the days of the apostles however it is, now, a call to radical self-abnegation, counting others more worthy than one's self and sincere desire to do what can be done to facilitate growth in piety within the fellowship.

# Sermon Notes

## **Announcements:**

### **Liberty Announcements**

#### **FROM THE SESSION**

The Session has called the Semi-annual January Stated Congregational Meeting to be Sunday January 23rd immediately after the worship service. Per our By-laws the purpose of the meeting is for the election of officers, a Nominating Committee, a treasurer, financial secretary and to receive the year end annual report. Copies of the annual report will be available on-line, and there will be a link in the Friday newsletter as soon as it is complete.

There is also a Motion from the Session to make an exception to the Church By-Laws Article II, Governing Boards, to allow for election of RE Steve Madden and Deacon Brian Moran, for terms of 3 additional years without a Sabbatical.

**Live Poinsettias**—There are quite a few live poinsettias left and they have been moved to a table in the back of the Old Sanctuary. Please take the ones you ordered. If there are left overs, please feel free to take one or two.

#### **NEW ADDRESS**

Barry and Margaret's new address is: 221 Lemon Lane, Leola, PA 17540.  
Barry's email is drbarrycureton@gmail.com

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Ladies Class/The book of Joshua	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Klein
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The Life of David class	Fellowship Hall	Phil Lambooy
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## **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

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## **OPEN HEARTS ANNOUNCEMENT \*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Open Hearts ministry is hosting a monthly support group for foster moms in the area, starting this month. The Foster the Family: Baltimore support group will be held the 2nd Friday of the month, 6:30-8pm in the fellowship hall. We need childcare volunteers to provide care during the support group for kids 10 and under. You will need to go through a background check. Please mail [libertyopenhearts@gmail.com](mailto:libertyopenhearts@gmail.com) or call Erin at 443-547-0052 if you have any questions. Even if you cannot commit to each month, we would love to have your help as often as possible.

## **ADULT CHOIR**

Adult Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

## **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

Dear Liberty Church Family,

LCS has great great news...plans are well underway for our **2022 Annual Dinner & Auction on Friday, March 18, 2022!** This is our largest fundraiser of the school year and is critical to help us meet our expenses and keep tuition costs down. For our new families, our annual dinner & auction is the social highlight of the year and we are anticipating a well-attended event, as we are also celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (one year late).

You can help in several easy ways:

1. Do you, someone in your family or a close friend, own a business? We are looking for donations of **gift cards, services or items** to be added to our auction. Do you or a family member have a timeshare? Would you or they be interested in donating a week? Donations are critical to help us make this a successful fundraiser. The person/company will be listed as a **“SUPPORTER”** in the 2022 Auction Booklet which will be distributed to everyone attending the auction.
2. We are also looking for business sponsors for our auction. There are three (3) levels of sponsorship to choose from from \$50 - \$500.
3. Plan to attend our **2022 Annual Dinner & Auction and 40th Anniversary celebration on March 18, 2022**, and be sure to bid on the fabulous Silent and Live Auction items. You will not be disappointed!

Additional ticket information will be coming soon.

In the Sermon last Sunday, we were encouraged to use our gifts to serve our missions and community to honor God. Do you have a special talent or gift that you could donate? Maybe painting, home improvement, lawn service, piano tuning, piano lessons, voice lessons, guitar lessons just to name a few. You can email me at [moran@libertychristian.us](mailto:moran@libertychristian.us) for more information or to inform me of your intention. **All donations must be solidified no later than February 18, 2022.**

Thank you in advance for your support!

Robin Moran

LCS Development Director

## Prayer List

### **For our church family and needs in the body:**

- Praise that although the tumor on Charles Runkles's bladder was cancer, it was low grade and no further treatments are necessary.
- 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 Mary Jordan's friend Joyce with Crohn's- for healing and relief of severe pain.
- Praise that Debbie Belcher's granddaughter, Wesley no longer needs a feeding tube.
- 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.
- Praise to the Lord for bringing Milt Greffen through an abdominal blockage, surgery, and resulting complications. He is progressing well at home. Thanks for your prayers!
- 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. Students have been virtual following the Christmas break and plans are in place to return in person next week. Please pray our faculty, staff and students are healthy, so we can resume in person classes without any disruption.
- Please pray for the community surrounding our Church and School as many of the schools in the surrounding Baltimore County area have temporarily returned to virtual learning due to the number of COVID cases.
- 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:

### **Chris & Victoria Cox, International Xchange Organization (IXO) missionaries in Cambodia:**

- Praise God for how He has used them over these 15 years that they have been serving Christ in Cambodia.
- Praise God for the opportunities that He gave them to share food & supplies in neighboring villages during the pandemic. It has helped to build relationships with these people. Pray that God will give them opportunities to share the Gospel as they continue to serve them.
- Praise God for the weekly Bible Studies that they have had with kids in their neighborhood. Pray for the Lord's harvest in the hearts of these children.
- Praise God for the devotional/discipleship group that Victoria has been leading for missionary girls and for the blessing that it has been in helping them grow spiritually, especially because there is no church in the area.
- Praise God for opportunity that Chris has had to train two Christian Cambodian young men to operate a photography/video business. It has also been a good time of sharing and helping each other to grow in faith.
- Pray for Grandma Miriam to come to faith, now that she can read the Bible because Chris helped her get glasses.
- Pray for Charis to finish well during this her senior year and as she prepares to go on to college.
- Please pray for this time of transition as they prepare to come to the United States on home assignment this summer.



## Upcoming Events

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

	January 9	January 16
<b>Security</b>	Tom Crone/James Hoff	Brian Moran
<b>Nursery</b>	Marissa Cote/Donna Hancock	Tina Lockwood/Lisa Byrd
<b>WOW</b>	Sarah & Peter Crowe	Natalie Klein/Liz Davidson

## Weekly Calendar

<p>Sun <b>9</b> January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Children's &amp; Adult Sunday School - 9:30 am</li> <li>◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am</li> </ul>
<p>Mon <b>10</b> January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ FMC, Mercy Needs, &amp; Property Committee Meetings - 7:00 pm</li> </ul>
<p>Tues <b>11</b> January</p>	
<p>Wed <b>12</b> January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Prayer Meeting—6:00 pm</li> <li>◆ Adult Choir Practice—7:00 pm</li> <li>◆ Men's bible Study—7:00 pm</li> </ul>
<p>Thurs <b>13</b> January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ladies Bible Study—7:00 pm</li> </ul>
<p>Fri <b>14</b> January</p>	
<p>Sat <b>15</b> January</p>	
<p>Sun <b>16</b> January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sunday School (all ages) —9:30 am</li> <li>◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am</li> </ul>

The 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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