



LIBERTY

CHURCH, PCA



Worship Service
August 28, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

RE Don Wheatley

Silent Reflection & Meditation

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 31:19-24

***Invocation**

***Gathering Hymn**

#514

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

Confession of Faith

p. 882

Heidelberg Catechism #60 & 61

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Words of Assurance

1 John 3:1-3

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Team

Jesus is Alive

CityAlight

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days
For the One that once was buried lives again
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave

All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak
Come find living water, everlasting streams
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching
Wanting something more
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is Alive

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear
For our sin and shame, they have no power here
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is Alive (repeat)

Hallelujah, death is undone
Hallelujah, Jesus has won
Hallelujah, we overcome
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus (repeat)

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is Alive (repeat)

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Supporting Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there, my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul, for His love is my reward
Fear is gone, and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore (*repeat*)

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there, my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

Shepherding Prayer

RE Don Wheatley

Offertory

Praise Team

This is Amazing Grace/Phil Wickham

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 corporately, the nursery or cry room may be used, as needed, if you feel your child is becoming too restless and vocal.

*Sermon Scripture

TE Arch Van Devender

Ephesians 1:15-2:10

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.

²² And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

2 And you **He made alive**, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,** ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Sermon

"The Gift of Faith"

TE Arch Van Devender

*Hymn of Response

Spirit of God, Dwell Thou Within My Heart

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***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.



Fallen Condition Focus:

Fallen mankind, trapped as they are as “sons of disobedience”, simply cannot appreciate what it means to be alive in Christ. Thus, they continue living their carnal lives, perhaps with a spiritual gloss, but nevertheless, firmly following worldly agendas. Their only hope, they assure themselves, is that they are really “not all that bad.” This is the best they can do and by that they affirm that they are still under the law of sin and death.

Main Point of Sermon:

Christians, having been made alive together with Christ, have a dramatically different perspective on all things. Their central, controlling mind-set is that of the “heavenly places” which frames their perspective on the full range of their human endeavor. This “redeemed mind” is the evidence of saving faith and is the gift of God. As God’s workmanship (cf. John 1:6-13) they embrace their calling to do “good works” as God has predestined for them to accomplish.

UPCOMING MISSIONS SUNDAY

The Missions Committee is pleased to announce that Hugh Wessel will be sharing with us next Sunday, September 4th during the Sunday school hour at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Hugh serves with MTW in France and Liberty has supported him for many years.

Prayer List

For our church family and needs in the body:

- Praise God for the birth of Nina Shay (8 lbs. 21 in.) was born August 23 at 4:45 pm to Rob and Katie Tucker. Katie is Andy and Carol Byrd's daughter.
- Pray for Dick Duty who is having health problems, Jan Duty who is healing after a fall, and the family as they minister to them.
- Continue to pray for Val Thomas who has been placed in hospice care. Val's address in hospice is 555 Towsontown Blvd W, Room 29, Towson, MD 21204
- Pray for Rose Hofmann as she undergoes treatments for cancer.

For extended family, friends and others:

- Please be in prayer for Milt Greffen, Susan Smith's father, who is having treatments for leukemia. Prayer for minimal side effects.
- 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 include all our faculty, staff, and students in your prayers as they enjoy their final week of summer break and prepare for the next school year beginning on September 6th.
- Please be in prayer for the provision of talented Godly teachers and staff members to fill our current vacancies.
- Please be in prayer for the "Lion's Den"..... a small group of church members, faculty/staff and parents as they continue to be in prayer over the summer for each LCS student, faculty/staff and school board member.

For Our Missionaries:

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

The Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns (CPC), located on Howard St and in Essex, requests:

- Pray for the staff as they work with women who have changed their minds after taking the first abortion pill and want to reverse their abortion through medical intervention; more women are coming for this. For some, this process proves successful, and they go on to have healthy pregnancies. Other women are not so fortunate, and they suffer the consequences of abortion. Praise God that they have been able to help women in both situation; do pray for these women to both heal and come to know the Lord.

Chris Garriott, the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) minister at University of Maryland - College Park requests:

- Prayer for Amanda Jakana (RUF Female Staff) and Chris as they plan for another great year and will be kicking things off in the next few weeks for freshman outreach.

Richard and Angelica Ramsay, MTW and Third Millennium (Thirdmill) missionaries to Cuba and Latin America request:

- Pray for continued guidance as Third Mill seeks accreditation.
- Pray also for the new courses starting soon: Richard will be teaching apologetics with a group of Spanish-speaking students.
- Pray also for daughter Melany and husband Tyler to find a new apartment.

Announcements

Liberty Church Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The FMC is seeking a member who would be interested in serving as a team leader for one of our counting teams. Please contact Brian Moran if interested.

Ladies Bible Study COMING SOON

All ladies, all ages, are invited to come as we seek to better know our Lord through the careful study of His Word. This Fall, we will look more closely at God's communicable and incommunicable attributes. We supplement our scripture study with 2 books by Jen Wilkin (None Like Him, In His Image). RSVP to reserve books (\$14 total)

First night: Thursday, September 15, 7-8:15.

RSVP to Peggy Walker 410 493 8733

Or Tina Lockwood 443 789 4400

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir begins again: The adult choir will begin rehearsals again on September 7 from 7-8:45 in the sanctuary. If you love the Lord and love to sing, please join us! All parts are needed and welcome.

ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC

The traditional Labor Day picnic is planned for September 5th (Labor Day). Arrive as early as 2:00 pm; the meal is at 4:00 pm. Bring your own drinks. Tickets are available after church: Adults \$10, Children age 4-12 years old \$5, children age 3 and younger are free. Immediate family max price is \$35. Please sign up to bring tomatoes or dessert. Buy your tickets today.

SUMMER DAYS AT THE COTE POOL

Women of Liberty are welcome to join other women and their children or grandchildren to swim on Wednesdays this summer. Please come fellowship with us! Bring a lunch. I always have snacks, cold water, freezer pops, extra towels, swim diaper, etc.

Who? Women of Liberty along with their children or grandchildren

Where: Dianna Cote's house: 14757 Addison Way, Woodbine, MD 21797

When: Wednesdays (weather permitting) at 11 a.m.

Text Dianna if you have any questions or plan to come 410-916-3581.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will be on break through September 4th and will resume on September 11.

NEW WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Women's Sunday School Class beginning on September 11th. Come join us for a 10 week study of Jesus in the book of Genesis. Discover how the stories, symbols, people and promises point to Christ. We will be using the book, "The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis" by Nancy Guthrie. If you want to join the class, please contact Tori Upperman at Toriupperman@gmail.com by August 21st to reserve a book. The book cost is \$11

ADULT SS CLASS: FALL 2022

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

JOHN'S letters clearly teach that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ, and yet these same letters can be distressing because of the strong language they employ in reference to the lack of sin. John's letters, particularly 1 John, make the point that those who are born of God do not sin (1 John 3:6–10; 5:18). How do statements like these comport with the view that our salvation comes from God and is found outside ourselves? How do John's statements about not sinning lead to assurance of salvation? How are we to have confidence in our salvation if we continue to struggle with sin?

Come join teachers RE Phil Lambooy, RE Steve Madden, and Bob Eckles as we do a deep dive on these crucial Johannine Epistles! Class begins on 9/11/2022 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

A NOTE FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous giving to the missions program of Liberty. Because of this special giving we were able to send a one time gift to Russ Bevan to help him replace his car. Russ serves in prison ministry in Alaska. We were also able to send a gift to the Christian Community Center for camp scholarships. The Community Center was grateful, as well, for the items we collected that the Center could use during camp.

LCS Announcements

Our current job needs for the 2022-2023 school year are:

Art/Music Teacher, Building Maintenance, Extended Care Provider, Lower School Aid, Physical Education Teacher/Athletic Director, School Counselor, Substitute Teacher, Substitute School Nurse

Visit the Liberty Christian School website for full job descriptions.

<https://www.libertychristianschoolmd.com/>

LCS TEACHER SUPPORT

As Andy Byrd mentioned during the Ministry Minute last Sunday, we have a wonderful opportunity to come alongside our Liberty Christian School teachers and help them prepare their classrooms for their students. Please visit the links in the email and Bulletin sent on Friday to view the teachers' Wishlists and consider blessing our teachers and our students with your support. Purchases can be made directly from Amazon and can be sent as a gift from you, or you can remove the gift option if you choose to be anonymous.

SOCCER SHOTS IS COMING BACK TO LCS

Fall 2022 Season starts Tuesday, 9/13

Ages 5-8

When: Tuesdays at 3:30 pm

Cost: 8 week season for \$175 + \$35 enrollment fee

Enrollment Fee: if applicable, the non-refundable \$35 enrollment fee is payable one time per school year and includes one Umbro Soccer Shots jersey for your child.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 28

10:45 am Worship Service

Monday, August 29

Tuesday, August 30

Wednesday, August 31

11:00 am Summer Days at the Cote Pool
6:00 pm Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 1

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4

9:30 am Missions Sunday/Hugh Wessel
10:45 am Worship Service

Schedule of Volunteers

	August 28	September 4
Nursery	Debbie Belcher/Robin Moran	Heather Lee/Amy Huey
WOW	Erin Tracht/Caroline Luff	Natalie Klein/Liz Davidson
Security	Tedd Tracy	Ken Stetson



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