



LIBERTY
CHURCH, PCA



Worship Service
September 18, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

RE Chuck Klein

Silent Reflection & Meditation

***Call to Worship**

Hebrews 4:11-16

***Invocation**

***Gathering Hymn**

#151

Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray

Confession of Faith

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Confession of Sin

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

Yet, we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone, and we have wandered from Your pathway.

As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again.

Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Words of Assurance

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Songs of Praise

Praise Team

This I Believe

Fielding/Crocker

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

Chorus

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high! (*chorus 1*)

I believe in You!
I believe You rose again!
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord! (*to chorus 2*)

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saint's communion and in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus! (*chorus 1*)

Supporting Scripture Reading

Romans 11:25-36

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He Wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus

*How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, How great is Our God*

Age to age He stands and time is in His Hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

*Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great Is our God*

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Shepherding Prayer

RE Chuck Klein

Offertory

Choir

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship/Randolph Currie

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 3:1–13

*3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ how that by revelation He made known to me **the mystery** (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge **in the mystery of Christ**), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.*

*⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make all see what is the fellowship of **the mystery**, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. ¹³ Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.*

Sermon

TE Arch Van Devender

“Our Mission In Life!”

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Joshua Turner Crowe, born June 2, 2022, covenant son of Peter & Sarah Crowe

*Hymn of Response

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Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

*Benediction

*Hymn of Glory

Doxology

Postlude

Fallen Condition Focus:

Christians and non-Christians alike often fall well short in appreciating the true character of Christ's Church and its purpose. Being conditioned by the culture to view social organizations (such as clubs or common cause organizations) in terms of personal benefit or public service, they naturally tend to see the church in the same light. This anemic view of the church weakens it in its effect and mission.

Main Point of Sermon:

God's great plan for all of history was to create a people to Himself in Christ. This sublime purpose dominates every reading in Scripture and conveys to God's people their own special identity among all the peoples of the world. This diverse group is, in itself, a supernatural work because its fundamental basis is that of a reconciled community, a community so unexpected that its character was a mystery for ages until Christ wrought its existence.

Prayer List

For our church family and needs in the body:

- 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.
- 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 we enter our new school year. We are blessed to welcome nearly 50 new students to Liberty Christian School this year with several more still in the admission process. We pray our new students will thrive in their new school environment.
- 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 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:

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

- Praise to God for the over 300 contacts from the table outreach efforts on campus over the past three weeks; 89 indicated that they had questions about God and the Bible. Pray for the follow up effort, and that the Holy Spirit would bring students to faith and move in their hearts to seek Him.
- Prayer for Amanda Jakana (RUF Staff) as she meets and helps many students on campus and leads a grad and senior study for women.
- Prayer for Chris' message preparation as he is doing a series called "Clues for God", seeking to help students with their questions in an age of skepticism and doubt.
- Prayer for students to sign up for the RUF FALL CONFERENCE (Sept. 23-25) in Ligonier, PA with 9 other schools.

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

- Praise to God for the vital role supporters play in their ministry. Their commitment impacted over 1,612 lives last year. The number of appointments has increased over 400% so far this year.

Prayer for more support of this ministry to meet their expanding number of client visits, during their current Virtual Fall Fundraiser, at: <https://cpcforhelp.org/donate/>

Announcements

Liberty Church Announcements

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The church will be hosting a Service for the Celebration of Vallarie "Val" Thomas on Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please come to honor God and celebrate the life of Val who touched so many people during her time on earth.

Update Regarding Officer Nominations:

Four men were nominated for office, 2 for elder and 2 for deacon. Three men received 1 nomination, and one man received 2 nominations. Two of the men nominated did not have a "sense of call" to serve as an officer, so they were removed from consideration. Based upon their review, the nominating committee recommended to the session 1 man to be considered for the office of elder. The session reviewed the nomination, and determined that it would be best to wait until the nominee had been at Liberty Church for a longer period of time, and had a chance to teach. So, there will be no new officers considered for 2022. However, at the January 2023 congregational meeting, two current officers are up for re-election, for another three year term. They are Tommy Crone for deacon and Don Wheatley for elder.

Dear Members of Liberty Church, PCA,

On August 28, 2022, Steve Madden, on behalf of the Pastor Search Committee, announced that we have unanimously invited a Pastor to candidate at our church during the week of October 8-16, 2022 preaching on consecutive Sundays, October 9th and October 16th. We have not announced the name of the Pastor at his request, because his congregation is not aware that he will be here to candidate. Obviously, when he and his wife come, you will be introduced to him by name and he will inform his people of his new call, should that be the result of his visit. Calling a Pastor is perhaps the single most important responsibility that we have as a whole congregation. The PSC has been working diligently to find the man whom we believe God may be calling here to Liberty. We look forward to your meeting and hearing him.

Immediately after the service on October 16, there will be a congregational meeting for us to vote on whether to call this Pastor as our next Senior Pastor at Liberty

Church, PCA. We encourage all who possibly can to come to the two services when he will be preaching. The couple will arrive in our area on Friday, October 7 and there will be meeting opportunities with those involved in various ministries throughout the 8th through the 11th. There is a plan to have a congregational meal and question/answer session on Saturday, the 15th, where those in attendance will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of Pastor and his wife.

We regret that some of you, including one of our PSC members, will be out of town during that time and we understand your disappointment. Please feel free to ask any of us questions about the candidate.

Watch the bulletin for opportunities to help with hospitality or other services during their visit. It has been a privilege and joy for each of us to serve on this committee, representing you. We thank you for your prayers, notes of encouragement and other forms of support shown throughout these long months. God did hear and answer your prayers for us and we trust that will continue throughout the remainder of the process.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

Serving together in Christ,

Your Pulpit Search Committee:

Steve Madden, Co-chairman

Peter Crowe, Co-chairman

Lynnda Bird, Chris Byrd, Amy Huey, Chuck Klein, Tom Knott, Stuart Luff, Brian Moran, Maxine Saylor, Sarah Smith, and Lawrence Walker

Job Opening: Director of Nursery & Children's Ministries

The position of Director of Nursery & Children's Ministries will be open beginning January 2023. This person would work alongside the other Liberty Staff members and would report directly to the Pastor. This role is responsible for the overall management and volunteer recruitment/coordination for Nursery, Wonders of Worship, Sunday School, Pioneer Girls, Christian Service Brigade, and Vacation Bible School. Other responsibilities include (but are not limited to): Setting the children/youth calendar for the year with the Youth Director who is currently Dave Tracht. Updating and managing information for children (Age 0-18) and families in Planning Center (including allergy information, emergency contact lists, and class rosters). Budget management for current and upcoming years. Selecting, approving, and ordering all curricula. Attending weekly staff meetings.

Hourly expectation: 10 hours per week **Salary:** TBD Contact the church office if you are interested.

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.

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP EVENT

What: Bonfire Party

When: Saturday, October 1st, starting at 5:30 pm. **Weather Dependent.**

Where: 2622 Deer Park Rd, Finksburg, MD

Who: High school graduates, college students, young married couples, and young adults

What: Bring your own chairs

Hotdogs and S'mores will be provided. Feel free to bring a side, drink, or dessert. Let Karin Johnsson know what you will be bringing (if anything) and whom to expect at 443-201-1635.

LCS Announcements

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

Currently, we have several positions available, both full and part time. Art Teacher, School Counselor, Building Maintenance, Lower School Aide, Gym Teacher, Extended Care Provider, Part-Time Cook, Substitute Teacher and Substitute School Nurse. Job postings are available at <https://www.libertychristianschoolmd.com/job-opportunities-employment> or email Lavender at bouwensl@libertychristian.us.

LCS TEACHER SUPPORT

We have a wonderful opportunity to come alongside our Liberty Christian School teachers and help them prepare their classrooms for their students. **Many thanks for the generous purchases already made.** If you have not had the opportunity please visit the links emailed to view the teacher's 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.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

One of our new faculty members is looking for reliable transportation, If you or someone you know is looking to sell a good reliable used car, please contact Robin Moran @ moranr@libertychristian.us

ADULT SS CLASSES: FALL 2022		
Women's Class/ Jesus in the book of Genesis	Tori Upperman	Fellowship Hall
John's Letters	Phil Lambooy/ Steve Madden/ Bob Eckles	Fellowship Hall

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 18

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Worship Service

Monday, September 19

Tuesday, September 20

Wednesday, September 21

6:00 pm Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 22

7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

Friday, September 23

5:30 pm Living Stones Youth Group

Saturday, September 24

10:00 am Memorial Service for Val Thomas

Sunday, September 25

9:30 am Sunday School/all ages
10:45 am Worship Service

Schedule of Volunteers		
	September 18	September 25
Nursery	Marissa Cote/Peggy Walker	Tina Lockwood/Lisa Byrd
WOW	Candice Walker/Hannah Walker	Bri Luff/Caroline Luff
Security	James Hoff	Brian Moran



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