

Hope



Worship Service
November 27, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

RE Glenn Cote

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Hope)

the Rouland family

Jeremiah 31:3-9

Silent Reflection & Meditation

***Call to Worship**

Luke 2:25-38

***Invocation**

***Gathering Hymn**

#300

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Confession of Faith

p. 943

Westminster Longer Catechism #37, 38, & 39

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession of Personal Sin

Words of Assurance

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Team

Cornerstone

*(Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin,
Reuben Morgan, William Bradbury)*

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name!

(1st time-repeat verse)

(2nd time-chorus)

Chorus

Christ alone Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all!

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil! *(chorus)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless I stand before the throne! *(chorus)*

Supporting Scripture Reading

Malachi 4::1-6

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
(to chorus 2 last time)

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

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

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!
I believe in the name of Jesus! *(chorus)*

Shepherding Prayer

RE Glenn Cote

Offertory

Choir

He Shall Feed His Flock/Roger Wilson

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.

Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 56

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.”

¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. ²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. ²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

²³ So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. ²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵ "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among people."

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed *is* she who ^[a]believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

Sermon

RE Phil Lambooy

"Advent's First Gift"

***Hymn of Response**

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Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

***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.

Sermon Notes

Prayer List

For our church family and needs in the body:

- Praise God for Jan Duty's scans and blood work resulted in her doctor's decision that she does not need to continue infusion therapy for her ongoing cancer management at this time.

For extended family, friends and others:

- 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 that they return from the Thanksgiving break healthy and rejuvenated.
- Pray our students will focus on the needs of others this holiday season. A prayer for our students, "Lord we pray our children would be rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18
- Please be in prayer for the provision of talented Godly teachers and staff members to fill our current vacancies. Our current staff is stretched very thin and is growing weary.
- 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:

Tom Homens, director of the Christian Community Center in SW Baltimore requests:

- Praise to God that they have had a big increase of younger children attending programs at the center - many from Tom's daughter's first grade class at a nearby school, where she has been telling kids about the center.
- Prayer for two of these children, Zuri and Kasai, who have a tender heart toward the things of the God. Pray that they will grow to love the Lord and live for Him.
- Continued prayer for the center's ministry in the neighborhood.

Russell and Laurie Bevan of Native Alaskan Prison Ministry, in Palmer, Alaska request:

- Praise to God for His faithfulness in leading new inmates to request the courses each week. Pray for the involvement of additional new inmate contacts. Also pray for Russell's four Bible study sessions each week at the prison along with a fifth outreach session at the prison farm.
- Prayer for Laurie as she deals with some difficult children at Butte elementary. Pray for health and stamina!
- Prayer for health and academic progress for Caleb, Josiah and Shelby. Caleb says college is a challenge. Pray for Joshua, soon to complete basic training in the Army and then to serve in Hawaii.



WORSHIP *with us*

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME

Schedule

Sunday, December 4th - 12:30 pm after the worship service

Choir Singing at Oakland Manor

Others are welcome to join (Contact Susan Smith if interested)

Sunday, December 11th - 3:00 pm

Christmas Concert/Carol Sing

Saturday, December 24th - 7:00 pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25th - 10:45 am

No Sunday School

Worship Service



Announcements

Liberty Church Announcements

LADIES BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec 1 Bible Study (last of 2022)

Thursday Dec 8,15,22,29: No Bible Study

We begin again on Thursday Jan 5, 2023

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

Children's Sunday School Helpers-

We are in need of consistent volunteers to help our lead teachers on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am in the 2-3 Year Old Class, the Pre-K-1st Grade Class, and the Youth Class.

Wonder of Worship Volunteers-

We are in need of 2-4 volunteers to help with Wonders of Worship beginning in January 2023. Volunteers would be in a 4-5 week rotation and would teach the children (age 4 through 2nd grade) from the user-friendly New City Catechism curriculum.

Nursery Volunteers-

We need one volunteer for the Toddler Nursery beginning November 27th. Currently we only have a Toddler Nursery but we are looking to reopen our Infant Nursery in January of 2023. We will need 8-12 people to establish a 4-6 week rotation of volunteers.



living stones

The goal of Living Stones is to build up the character of our youth, by exploring biblical truth and how this truth impacts our lives.

Time: 5:45pm - 8:45 pm

Schedule:

Friday, 12/2 > Regular Meeting
Friday, 12/9 > Regular Meeting
Friday, 12/16 > Regular Meeting
Friday, 12/23 > **No Meeting*
Friday, 12/30 > **No Meeting*
Friday, 1/6 > **No Meeting*
Friday, 1/13 > Regular Meeting
Friday, 1/20 > Regular Meeting
Friday, 1/27 > Regular Meeting

Dave Tracht

Liberty Youth Director

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU NOTE

On behalf of the patients in our community Red Cross thanks all those who donated, attempted to donate and/or volunteered during last Monday's blood drive collecting 23 units. Our next drive is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2023.

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	Lower School Teacher	Physical Education Teacher
Extended Care Provider	Substitute Teacher	Substitute School Nurse

Job postings are available at <https://www.libertychristianschoolmd.com/job-opportunities-employment> or email Lavender at bouwensl@libertychristian.us.

PARTNERSHIP LEGACY FUND

Exciting News! We are blessed to have several anonymous donors committed to **match new and increased donations** made to our Partnership Legacy Fund **up to \$5,000.00** on **Giving Tuesday - Tuesday, November 29th**. All new or increased donations received online (or postmarked) on November 29th will be matched up to \$5,000. Please consider **investing** in the Christ-Centered education provided by LCS, please visit our website <https://www.libertychristianschoolmd.com/online-giving> or mail your donation to Liberty Christian School, 11303 Liberty Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117 and postmarked on November 29th.

Please note: pledge cards will not be mailed to homes this year. If you prefer to use a pledge card, they are available in the back of the sanctuary. There is also a small supply of envelopes and copies of the message from the Head of the School.

LCS is selling Gift Cards for the Christmas season. Not sure what to get that special someone? Need a gift card that's hard to find? Look no further! Complete the order form and the Scrip Payment Summary page and submit with your payment of cash or check to the school office. You may pay using a credit card with a fee. Credit card orders under \$200 will be charged a flat \$5 fee. Orders over \$200 will be charged a flat \$10 fee. Ordering forms can be found on the back tables.

The deadline to order is Friday, December 2nd. Cards will be ready for pick up beginning December 16th

Thanks in advance for supporting this LCS Fundraiser.

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

Schedule of Volunteers		
	November 27	December 4
Nursery	Amy Huey/Dianna Cote	Emma McCabe/Sarah Crowe
WOW	Natalie Klein/Liz Davidson	Kaiah Boyle/Carol Rose
Security	Ken Stetson	Tom Crone

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 27 (1st Sunday of Advent)

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

Monday, November 28

Tuesday, November 29

Wednesday, November 30

6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, December 1

7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study (last for this year)

Friday, December 2

5:45 pm Living Stones/Youth Group

Saturday, December 3

Sunday, December 4 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Carol Sing at Oakland Manor



LADIES NIGHT OUT
Mark your calendar for
Ladies Night Out on
Tuesday, December 13th at Panera Bread in
Eldersburg at 5:30 pm. Come and join us for a
fun evening of good food and fellowship.



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