

## THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

TODAY: 11:00 — Virtual Video Worship Service

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Session and the Deacon's & Trustee presidents have moved us back to virtual-only services and meetings Until January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be evaluating where we stand with regard to the COVID pandemic. We have at least 4 and possibly 5 or more cases within the congregation in the past three weeks. When taken in tandem with the current super-spike in cases, we do this out of an abundance of caution and for the good of the body.

While not being overly-dependent upon the Governor's new restrictions on public meetings, we are aware that every county in Western PA has been reporting case numbers in the hundreds for several weeks now, and Allegheny County has been reporting upwards of 1,000 per day. Please check the letter from Session about scheduling that has been sent to the Prayer Chain e-mail list. It will also be attached to this bulletin.

Remember to check the The Church Website weekly for new material and for the worship videos: <http://northlibertypc.org>  
The Worship Service videos are being loaded weekly to Pastor Rusty's YouTube channel (Albert Stuart), and to the Church's channel (North Liberty).

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the North Liberty Presbyterian Church is to *serve Christ*. We seek to *introduce Jesus* as the Christ and *become disciples* so that together we are enabled to *love one another* and *share His love* with those around us.

**Pastor Rusty** can be reached by phone at 724-421-5569 or by email at [PrRustyStuart@aol.com](mailto:PrRustyStuart@aol.com). Rev. Stuart's home address is 3328 Beacon Hill Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216.



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The Reverend Albert Rhodes Stuart

Michele Bonnici, pianist  
Gerry Sankey, Solist

The Lord's Day  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Christmas  
December 27, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS:

✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: "Joy to the World"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake the evil way; Call the unrighteous to forsake evil thoughts; and let that one return to the Lord Who will have mercy upon the repentant and abundantly pardon them. Let us worship the Triune Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

HYMNS: "Away in a Manger" # 261  
"Angels We Have Heard on High" # 278  
1<sup>st</sup> & Last verses on all hymns

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Unison:** Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit the Comforter and Advocate. We ask this through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

\* GLORIA PATRI:

✠ ✠ HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:22 - 40

HYMN: "What Child Is This?" # 281

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

HOMILY: "Behold!  
He Is Appointed for the Falling & Rising of Many"  
The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ ✠ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES:

Tithes and offerings can be sent to Deb Hartman at 422 W Main Street, Grove City Pa 16127. Deacon offerings can be sent to Paul Eperthener North Liberty Plain Grove Rd, Grove City Pa. 16127.

Please also consider Giving to the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign through NLPC. Their annual Kettle Drive has been severely effected by the COVID Pandemic this year

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

HYMN: "The First Noel" # 265

CHARGE & BLESSING:

POSTLUDE: "Birthday of the King"

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Hospitalized

Johnny Hubel -TBI  
(in HS Football game)

### Upcoming Surgery

### Recuperating

Evelyn Koprivnikar  
David Dunkerely  
Joan Dickey  
Nancy Baker  
Paul Rizza  
Betty Holmes (Amanda Lucco's mother  
— broken ankle w/ surgery)  
Sherrie Young - Dana Uber's niece  
Shannon Flemming  
Garilyn Barlow's sister Janice  
( COVID)

### Cancer Warriors

Evelyn Koprivnikar  
Lisa Boesch  
John Petrack (Sue Black's brother-in-  
law)  
Bill Sevin — Cancer Spread  
John Stoops

### Health and Other Concerns

Bob Barger  
Gwen Best (Nina's sister)  
Brandy Brown  
Pat Burns (Anne Treanor's Sis-in-law)  
Ed Buchert  
Nancy Clark  
Thomas Cooper (Dorry's nephew)  
Kay Dannels (friend of Beth Black)  
Jesse Duncan  
John Duncan  
Martha Dunlap  
Ray Hoagland

(Marianne McCreight's father)  
Carter Kerr (Carolyn Rizza's Cousin)  
Linda Knight  
John Koprivnikar  
Tony Nicoletto  
Virginia Palmer  
David O'Planik (Denny Youshock's  
Cousin)  
Theresa & Stephanie Snyder  
(Joyce Youshock's cousins)  
Avery Reynolds  
(Friend of Marie Duncan)  
Kaitlyn Spinoso  
(Pastor's Bob McCreight's  
granddaughter)  
Olivia Williams  
(grandniece of Sue Black)  
Sam Williamson  
Dawn Carothers  
Bill & Helen Sevin  
Peggy Coulter (Reece's Mother)  
Gerry & Dorry Sankey (Travel  
mercies & comfort)  
Sarah Watson — (Health concerns)  
Susan Kredel (All Good Things)  
Tina Stuart (probable COVID)  
Maira Stuart (Rusty's Niece – COVID)  
Matt Hemmerlin Jr. (COVID)  
Keith & Linda Cribbs (Keith – Stroke  
aftermath — Linda Beatty's Brother)  
Deb Hartman (Shingles)

### Bereavement

Husband Family — Both Mr & Mrs  
Husband have passed  
Bill Cooper Family  
Elsie Marie Duncan Family  
(John Koprivnikar's sister)  
Ken Luckock Family

### Special Prayers

Pastor Bob & Marianne  
(Daughter Ken recovery from knee surg &  
blood clot)

### Thanksgiving

Pastor Bob & Marianne  
(50<sup>th</sup> Anniv & her Dad @ 100 y.o.)

### Joy

Jessy (Pizor) & Justin  
Osborne had a little girl,  
Maeve Rozella at 7 lbs, 3 oz.  
They are home. She joins brothers Mac &  
Trent. Elated grandparents are Terri &  
Bob Pizor.

### Work & Worship of the Church

Sunday School Teachers  
CE  
Liberty Lambs & Lions

### Shut-ins

\*\*\* New Address \*\*\*

**June McClelland**  
1445 Stonelake Cove #5108  
Henderson, NV 89074

**Erma Campbell** –Rm 316B

Orchard Manor  
20 Orchard Drive  
Grove City, PA 16127  
Phone #724-264-4229

**Joan Dickey**

Lakes of Jefferson  
7271 W. Market St.  
Mercer, PA 16137  
724-418-4446

**Dick Schultz** — Room 518

Butler VA Healthcare  
353 North Duffy Road  
Butler, PA 16001

**Lillian Jeffrey**

Home 2 Me  
600 Slippery Rock Road  
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

### Mission

Pecos Valley Hispanic Ministries  
The Presbyterian Church in  
North and South Sudan  
Dominican Republic  
Mission Partners



Kyle Campbell  
(Alex's brother)  
Jake and Jessica Corey  
(Lockheart) Orman  
(Erin Stoops' Cousins)  
Kirby Buchanan  
(Tom & Nina Cooper's  
Grandson)

## Letter from the Session:

December 18, 2020

Dear Family of North Liberty Presbyterian Church,  
Grace and peace to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Session would like to share with you some decisions we have made regarding the worship and services at North Liberty. As we all continually adjust our daily lives to the reality of the COVID 19 virus, North Liberty Presbyterian Church will not have on-site indoor worship or programs on December 20, 24 and 27, 2020. Currently Pastor Rusty is in quarantine as they await Tina's test results. Pastor Rusty is interested in providing support so please contact him.

Session will meet weekly to assess whether we can open our doors to worship and programs and what are our current needs.

We will continue to serve you in different ways. we will keep you updated through the [northlibertyprayerchain@yahoo.com](mailto:northlibertyprayerchain@yahoo.com) we will be mailing those without emails a summary each week of those communications.

### What is happening, when-

December 19, 2020 Poinsettia pick-up between 10:00 and 11:00 am. If you ordered a poinsettia through the Deacons you can pick it up at the portico.

Red Kettle North Liberty style. The kettle will be at the portico and we ask you to donate whatever you can. The money collected will be given to Pastor Pam for local needs through Salvation Army. Our outreach continues during this pandemic.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 Virtual service will be posted on our webpage, YouTube and through the link on the prayer

chain. We will continue the Deacon's DVD ministry.

Thursday, December 24, 2020 There will be an informal gathering in the upper parking lot at 7:00 pm. We will have a modified candlelight service with Silent Night. We have individual LED candles but you can bring your own light as we recognize Jesus, the Light of our World even now. We ask you to stay in or near your car and practice precautions. After this short service you may wish to see the lights. I invite you to my neighborhood Kimberley Estate to view the luminaries and the deer display on Airport Rd. And for fun travel to Grove City Park and see Christmas in the Park.

Friday, December 25, 2020 Celebrate Jesus' birthday

Sunday, December 27, 2020 We will have a virtual service  
Sunday, Jan 3, 2021 We will re-access our ability to gather for worship

Our mission projects continue during this time. A large package was sent to the troops. Thank you to all who contributed. Also, the Mission committee purchased with our Frontier Mission partners Bibles for various mission fields. Let's pray the word touches hearts.

During this time, please feel free to call Pastor Rusty or any Elder with a concern or communicate through email or phone.

We would ask you to mail your tithe and offering to Deb Hartman at 422 W Main Street, Grove City Pa 16127. Deacon offering can be sent to Paul Eperthener North Liberty Plain Grove Rd, Grove City Pa. 16127.

Sincerely,

Susan G. Black, Clerk of Session