

THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

TODAY: 11:00AM — Virtual Video Worship Service
Thursday: 7:00PM — Session Mtg / Reorganization & New Members

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Session and the Deacon's & Trustee presidents have moved us back to virtual-only services and meetings Until January 10th. We will be evaluating where we stand with regard to the COVID pandemic. We look like we have broken the back of our current curve in the congregation after 6 weeks. We continue to re-evaluate weekly.

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.

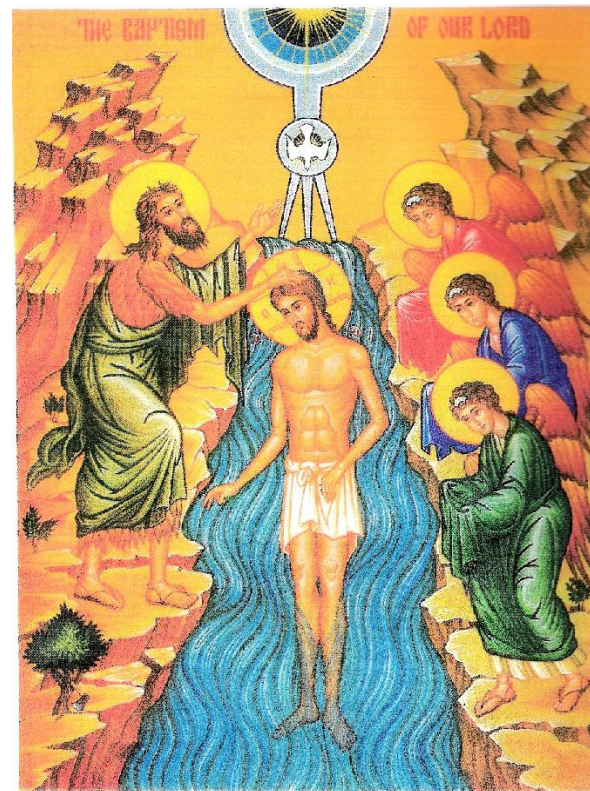
Remember to check the The Church Website weekly for new material and for the worship videos: <http://northlibertypc.org>

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.

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The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart, pastor

Michele Bonnici, pianist
Josiah Stuart, Solist

The Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 10, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS:

✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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: "Here I Am, Lord" # 589
1st & Last verses

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:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 24:3 - 14 & 28:16 - 20

SERMON: "Truly Warm Hearts: Live into Your Baptism"
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: "Lift High the Cross" Vv 1, 3 & 4 # 291

CHARGE & BLESSING:

POSTLUDE:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospitalized

Johnny Hubel -TBI
(in HS Football game)
Jamie McElhinny (Surg.
Complications — AHN West Penn)

Upcoming Surgery

Recuperating

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

Cancer Warriors

Evelyn Koprivnikar (Awaiting
Treatment Plan)
Lisa Boesch
John Petrack (Sue Black's brother-in-
law)
Bill Sevin — Cancer Spread
John Stoops (Low Blood count.
Waiting for next treatment)

Health and Other Concerns

John Koprivnikar (Now in Grove
Manor)
Bob Barger
Gwen Best (Nina's sister / Gwen in
quarantine because there are 27 cases
of COVID in her nursing home)
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)
Matt Hemmerlin Jr. (COVID)
Deb Hartman (Shingles)

Bereavement

Bill Cooper Family
Elsie Marie Duncan Family
(John Koprivnikar's sister)
Ken Luckock Family
Keith Cribbs Family
Tom Holmes Family
Betty Foster Family

Special Prayers

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

Thanksgiving

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

Joy

Work & Worship of the Church

Sunday School Teachers
CE
Liberty Lambs & Lions

Shut-ins

*** New Address ***

June McClelland

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Henderson , NV 89074

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Orchard Manor
20 Orchard Drive
Grove City, PA 16127
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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)

New Letter from the Session:

Wednesday, 6 January 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 **through Jan., 10th. While we, here, are making progress in our struggle against the pandemic, we do still have a couple of active cases and are still looking at and increasing arc in the number of cases. Last week, at this time, we were looking at 21.1 million diagnosed cases in the US with 557,000 deaths. This is an increase of 1.25 million cases in 6 days. Additionally, we are still trying to suss out what effect the new British variant of the disease is likely to be in the short-term.**

Session will continue to meet weekly to assess when we can open our doors to worship and programs and what are our current needs. We will also hold our annual organizational meeting next Thursday evening (Jan. 14th) at 7:00 PM.

We want to thank and encourage those who continue to join us virtually for worship through the internet and on DVD. We have been averaging more than 50 individual and family visits to these services each week for the past 3 weeks, and on Christmas Eve we had more than 75 in addition to the numbers of people who joined in the outdoor Candlelight Service in the Upper Parking Lot.

We are also most grateful to all of those who donated to our mini-Red-Kettle collections for the local Salvation Army Service Unit during which more than \$250 have been collected.

As we made the decision to delay returning to on-site programs and services, we wanted to share with you three events that also influenced this decision besides health concerns. First the water tank had a second leak. That tank has now been replaced, and the water lines are being flushed to remove the black sands and gunk from the lines so that the water is again safe to drink. In addition the water lines for the boiler must also be bled because of the leaks and the tank replacement. These

items are being attended to.

Second, the drying-out and clean-up of the basement hallway and first children's classroom have been undertaken. Water and mold mitigation have been done, and we must now replace the flooring in the classroom and of the carpeting in the hallway. Reece Coulter, John Hemmerlin and the Trustees have been working on these details, but they are still in process. Unfortunately, this means this area is still not useable yet.

We decided to delay the auditing of our accounts, but treasurers should turn in ending reports to the office so we can assemble an annual report. We are also going to use a letter format instead of a Jan. newsletter our next newsletter will be coming out on the last Sunday of Jan. 2021.

Remember you can access our services from the church webpage or YouTube. If you know of anyone who can benefit from our services please pass our information along. The service for Jan 10th will be virtual and a decision will be made later for Jan. 17th and 24th. When we return to on-site worship, we will continue to tape these services and upload them following the service. Additionally, while we continue to post the links to the services to the church webpage and to Facebook, if anyone would like to subscribe (free) to either the "North Liberty" or "Albert Stuart" channels on YouTube:

Albert Stuart Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgskXHNPjvAwEeH6CKeQNA>

North Liberty Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzi4d3l8gQuFwtER3o6xFyA>

If you sign in on either of these channels, you have an option to subscribe to the Channels. If you do this, you will receive notices from Youtube anytime there is new content on the channel.

We would continue to 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.

Lastly, the Session and I would like to thank Susan Black for all of her hard work as Clerk of Session. As a matter of fact, the reason I am writing the letter this week is because we have already virtually installed new officers and have not yet had the re-organizational meeting, so technically, Sue has already written her last set of minutes. As a personal matter, I cannot begin to express the level of my gratitude for all of Sue's labors and for the truly astounding support she has offered to me in this time of pastoral transition. If ever there is an actual award for "the proper care, feeding and training of new pastors", it rightly will have Sue's name upon it.

Grace & Peace in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Rusty & the Session

HYMN LYRICS:

"Here I am, Lord"

[1] I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

[Chorus] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[5] I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save

"Lift High the Cross"

[Refrain]

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

[1] Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

[Refrain]

[3] O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has bought us life eternally.

[Refrain]

[4] So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]