

## THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

TODAY: 11:<sup>00</sup>AM — In-Person Worship Service  
Monday: 7:<sup>00</sup>PM — Deacon's Mtg / Reorganization

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Session and the Deacon's & Trustee presidents have moved us back to in-person services and meetings with the option on meetings for people to participate by Zoom. We will continue to evaluate weekly where we stand with regard to the COVID pandemic in case we wind up with another mini-outbreak in the congregation or community. We look like we have broken the back of our current curve in the congregation after 6 weeks. The service will continue to be broadcast on the short-range AM station (840 AM) around the building, and we will continue to record services for broadcast on the two YouTube channels "Albert Stuart" and "North Liberty"

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>

#### 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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Jesus Christ Is Lord,  
to the glory of God  
the Father

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Michele Bonnici, pianist  
Josiah Stuart, Solist

The Lord's Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
January 17, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS:

✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: "Untitled Hymn [Come to Jesus]"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: O LORD, you have searched and known us, knowing when we sit and rise up and discerning our thoughts from afar. You search out our paths and know all of our ways and doings. Before we speak, You know what we say and what we shall think. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us and we cannot attain it. As we come before You in worship this day, search us, and know our hearts! Try us and know all our thoughts! If there be any grievous way in us, correct us and lead us in Your everlasting way!

[Based on Psalm 139]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

HYMNS: "Just As I Am" # 488  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> verses

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Unison:** Eternal God, in Whom we live, move and have our being; Whose face is hidden from us because of our sins, and Whose mercy we have forgotten in the blindness of our hearts; Cleanse us, we pray, from all of our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires which we have nurtured deep within us. Grant that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to You, and that in confessing our faults and clinging to Your grace, we might find our true refuge through Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

\* GLORIA PATRI:

✠ ✠ HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1:43 - 51

SERMON: "Come & See the Living Ladder"

The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

✠ ✠ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Mark & Michele Bonnici  
Christina and Josiah Stuart

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: "God of Our Fathers" All Verses # 809

CHARGE & BLESSING:

POSTLUDE: "They Will Know We Are Christians"

\*\*\* Please join us in the Portico or from your cars in the parking lot for our time of Prayer for the Nation and in the singing of "God Bless America" \*\*\*

## 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 (Had treatment & CAT  
Scan)

### 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)  
Martha Dunlap  
Bereavement  
Bill Cooper Family  
Ken Luckock Family  
Keith Cribbs Family  
Tom Holmes Family  
Betty Foster Family  
Marlene McCracken Family  
Mary Moyer Family  
Harry Palmer 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

### 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

### **John Koprivnikar**

Grove Manor  
435 North Broad Street  
Room #26  
Grove City, PA 16127

### 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)

## Additional Notices:

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 nearly 70 individual and family visits to our virtual each week.

As we made the decision to return to in-person worship, we have not yet returned to Sunday School and other regular programming yet because of the restoration work still ongoing in the downstairs education wing. We hope to return as expeditiously as possible

Session has set a due date for all organizational treasurer's reports for Sunday, 14 February so that these can be submitted with the Treasurer's 2020 Books for annual audit which will occur during the week of 21 March. We will hold the Annual Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of March after worship. Our February Newsletter will be published for the 31<sup>st</sup> of January so articles and reports should be sent in to the office by the 24-25th.

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 10<sup>th</sup> will be virtual and a decision will be made later for Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. 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/UCzi4d3I8gQuFwtER3o6xFyA>

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.

## HYMN LYRICS:

### "Just As I Am"

[1] Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

[2] Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

[4] Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### "God of Our Farthers"

[1] God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

[2] Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

[3] From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

[4] Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE NATION  
FOR SUN., 17 JANUARY 2021

Pastor Rusty Stuart

Lord of all the nations, save this nation of many peoples and nations — this land of our sojourn as exiles waiting upon the coming of Your Heavenly Country in which we will know our true peace and home.

Yet while we are troubled and hectored on every side by open and veiled enemies in this present time, we seek to serve You our One Triune Lord, God & King. We know that we serve You alone in what we do by Your grace. We confess that we bring disrepute upon Your name and glory by what we do unrighteously or fail to do at all through inaction.

And yet, in this age of distrust, insecurity, peril and strife, You have called us, Your Church to be Your priesthood of believers offering prayer and intercession for the world around us, both converted and unconverted. You command us to hold both leaders and peoples in constant prayer as we discharge our call and duty to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and extend His grace to a broken world.

On this Your Day as we are gathered around Your House in this community of North Liberty, Pennsylvania, we lift before You, this people Whom you have called to be members of this unique people known as the United States of America. As we hold them before Your throne we ask Your healing touch upon our affections, hearts and minds so that we may be a nation that serves good and opposes evil.

Be present with and bring healing and renewed purpose to President Trump, Vice President Pence and the outgoing Cabinet. Touch the hearts, lives, and minds of President-Elect Biden and Vice President Harris and the incoming Cabinet. Heal the wounds, physical and mental inflicted upon the Houses of Congress and those who serve in them and provide for their staffing and safety. Be also, we pray with the judges who serve this nation's courts and seek to serve and provide justice. Provide healing and protection to those of our citizenry tasked with providing for the common defense, for good order and tranquility.

Lastly, O Sovereign Lord and King, forgive and heal us from our warring madness, our spite, suspicion and desire for vengeance apart from Your just judgment. Awaken in us all a new thirst for Your will and the good of Your people into whom You have placed Your own image. Hear our plea,

O Lord as we beg this of You in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Elder Susan Black

Dear Heavenly Father,

We gather as your people, and we come boldly before your throne because of the saving work of Your Son and guided by your Spirit. We lament the anguish in our land, the anger and mistrust and the hate we have seen. We confess that we have not loved as you have commanded. Father, forgive us; we call for your healing hand. Enable us by your love to see Christ in our neighbor and love them. Help us to be a light in our country. Let our speech and actions reflect whose we are. We pray for our leaders, our government, our protectors of the peace and ask that you bless our land.

We pray for all levels of government and ask for your guidance for these leaders.

We pray for the new officers here at North Liberty and ask as you equip them to serve, we might follow their lead.

As many of this community have served this country, allow us to look beyond ourselves to the needs of our community and country. Bring us together to serve those in need. Help us to live out our faith and demonstrate that love is greater than hate. Let us witness to our Savior, Jesus Christ

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, Land that I love  
Stand beside her, And guide her  
Through the night with a light from above  
From the mountains, To the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam

[Sing Twice]

God bless America, My home, sweet home  
God bless America, My Home, sweet home.