



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

**King Jesus Is Lord!**

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# NORTH LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart, pastor  
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The Lord's Day | 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## JOYS, CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sunday: 9:<sup>45</sup>AM — Prayer Time  
10:<sup>00</sup>AM — Sunday School  
11:<sup>00</sup>AM — Worship Service
- Monday: 6:<sup>00</sup>PM — GriefShare || Support Group  
Leesburg Pres. Church — Open to All
- Tuesday: 7:<sup>00</sup>PM — Choir Practice Resumes  
Anyone wishing to join with the choir, or just wanting to see what all the fun is about, please come hang out with us at 7 PM on Tuesday nights.  
— [NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE](#)

Next

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10:<sup>00</sup>AM — Sunday School  
11:<sup>00</sup>AM — Worship Service
- The Church Website has been and is being updated. Remember to check: <http://northlibertypc.org>
- The Worship Service videos are being loaded weekly to Pastor Rusty's YouTube channel (Albert Stuart), the Church's channel (North Liberty) and to the Church website (<http://www.northlibertypc.org>) Under the "Worship" tab at the top.
- **NOTICE:** We HAVE returned to normal seating patterns, and singing of hymns and use of hymnals & pew Bibles. Masking is not required, though it is suggested for those who are unvaccinated or who suffer from chronic illness or autoimmune conditions that might make them more vulnerable to COVID-19 or one of its variants. We will continue to video record worship services for distribution on DVDs and on the Church website and our YouTube channels. We will also continue to broadcast the service on our short range AM signal around the building for those who wish to attend, but cannot come inside to expose themselves.

✠ ✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

PRELUDE: "Goodby. World, Goodby"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Pastor:** God Is Good!

**People:** All the time!

**Pastor:** All the time, . . .

**People:** . . . God IS Good, . . .

**Unison:** . . . because that is His nature!

**Pastor:** . . . Let us join together in our Sung Call to Worship:

"O Worship the King" #104

[1] O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

[2] O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

HYMN: "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord" # 221

[1] All praise to our redeeming Lord, Who joins us by His grace  
And bids us, each to each restored, Together seek His face.

[2] He bids us build each other up; And gathered into one,  
To our high calling's glorious hope, We hand in hand go on.

[3] And if our fellowship below In Jesus be so sweet,  
What greater blessings shall we know When round His throne we meet?

CALL TO CONFESSION:

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" # 489

[1] Pass me not, O gentle Savior; Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

[Refrain:]

Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou are calling, Do not pass me by.

[2] Let me at a throne of mercy Find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief.

[Refrain]

[3] Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face.  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit; Save me by Thy grace.

[Refrain]

[4] Thou, the Spring of all my comfort, More than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?

[Refrain]

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

\* GLORIA PATRI:

✠ ✠ ✠ HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The B-I-B-L-E"  
Benna Novotny

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: I Corinthians 7:25 - 40

<sup>25</sup> Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. <sup>26</sup> I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. <sup>27</sup> Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. <sup>28</sup> But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. <sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as

though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods,<sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife,<sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry — it is no sin. <sup>37</sup> But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well. <sup>38</sup> So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

<sup>39</sup> A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. <sup>40</sup> Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**SERMON:** “In this Present Distress — Seek & Serve the Lord!”  
The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

**\*HYMN:** “I Cannot Tell” # 354

[1] I cannot tell why He, the King of Heaven,  
Should leave the peace of all eternity,  
Why God Himself should lay aside His splendor  
To leave the Father’s side and come to me.  
But this I know: our silence filled with singing,  
And all our darkness fled from heaven’s light

When Christ the Lord, so human, yet so holy,  
In love was born a child for me that holy night!

[2] I cannot tell why He, the Joy of Heaven,  
Should give Himself to suffer for my sin,  
Why Holy God should love me in my shamefulness,  
Why He should die to draw my soul to Him.  
But this I know: that Christ the Lord is risen,  
And praise His name, He's risen now in me!  
Because He lives, I'll rise to life eternal!  
He took my guilty heart, and I'm forever free!

[3] I cannot tell when He will rule the nations,  
How He will claim His loved ones as His own;  
And who can tell the holy jubilation  
When all His children gather 'round His throne.  
But this I know: all flesh will see His glory,  
And skies will burst as all creation sings.  
The Son will rise on one eternal morning  
When Christ, the Savior of the world, is Lord and King!

✠ ✠ ✠ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES:

OFFERTORY: "Seek Ye First"

\* THE DOXOLOGY:

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

\*HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 630

- [1] What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!
- [2] Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- [3] Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: "You Are My All-in-All"

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Hospitalized

Jason Weyerich (To Rehab / TBI)  
Clintonville FF Justin Williams

### Upcoming Surgery

Dr. Sherrick & Son  
John Petrack (Stem Cell Transplant)  
Gerry Sankey (Heart Ablation || Tues.)  
Ed Turnbull (Rotator Cuff Repair)

### Recuperating

Linda Beatty  
Johnny Hubel (TBI Home Recovery)  
Barb Linko (Heart Surgery – Waiting)  
Mike Cusumano (COVID | Tracey  
Hoffman Nelson's S-i-L)  
Evelyn Koprivnikar (Now Home)  
Cindy Swearer (Healing)  
Ed Buchert (Recovering & PT)  
Noah Nero (Released || more testing)

### Cancer Warriors

Lisa Boesch  
John Petrack (Sue Black's B-in-L)  
Nick Cooper (Dorry's nephew ||  
Lymphoma)  
Adam Shields (Leukemia)  
Sally Riddle (Cancer gone ||  
tracheotomy til Oct)  
Allan Morris (Evelyn Koprivnikar's  
cousin-in-Law | Colon/Prostate Cancer)

### Health and Other Concerns

Joe Baker (More tests)  
Sue Black (Colon Polyp Removed |  
awaiting Path Report)  
Dena Uber (Good Report)  
Garalynn Barlow (Parkinson's)  
Deb Hartman (Monitoring | Good Labs)

Bob Barger  
Brandy Brown  
Pat Burns (Anne Treanor's Sis-in-law)  
Nancy Clark  
Thomas Cooper (Dorry's nephew)  
Harry "Jay" Meier (Cavern. Veinous  
Malformation in brain)  
Kay Dannels (friend of Beth Black)  
Jesse Duncan  
Martha Dunlap  
Dick Dunlap  
Ray Hoagland (Marianne McCreight's  
father)  
Carter Kerr (Carolyn Rizza's Cousin)  
Linda Knight  
Tony Nicoletto  
Theresa & Stephanie Snyder  
(Joyce Youshock's cousins)  
Avery Reynolds  
(Friend of Marie Duncan)  
Kaitlyn Spinoso  
(Pastor's Bob McCreight's  
granddaughter)  
Sam Williamson  
Helen Sevin  
Paul Bonnici (Mark's brother)  
Julie Roberts  
Scott Burns (Stroke recovery)  
Jack Hemmerlin (Eye Press. Good |  
Double Vision | More surg. Probable)  
Gwen Best (More Falls)  
Trish Turnbull (Kidney Dis. / Bad Hip)  
Bruce Ellison (Paul Rizza's B-i-L)  
Amanda Petroff (Medical tests |  
Driver's Permit)

### Bereavement

Gary Sutherland Family  
(Cathy Hemmerlin's B-i-L)



Randy Griffin Family  
Bob Davis Family

Special Prayers

The State of the Nation  
COVID Vaccinations & Delta  
Variant increases  
Police, Fire, EMS, Med. Personnel

Thanksgiving

Joy

Work & Worship of the Church  
Presbytery of Shenango (re-org. &  
new officers | Sue Black, Vice-Mod.)  
Sunday School Teachers  
CE & Liberty Lambs & Lions

Mission

Pecos Valley Hispanic Ministries  
Pres. Church in N. & S. Sudan  
(New churches planted | COVID | Re-  
conciliation)

Dominican Republic Mission  
Partners  
Shenango Pres DR Team 2022 Trip  
Planning

Shut-ins

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FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY



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