

King Jesus Is Lord!

# NORTH LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Lord's Day | 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Tractor Sunday

# JOYS, CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Sunday:</u> 9<sup>:45 AM</sup> — Prayer Time

10<sup>:00 AM</sup> — Sunday School

11:00 AM — Worship Service [Portico] & Picnic [Fellowship Hall]

7<sup>:00 PM</sup> — Screenings of "The Chosen" @ Trinity Luth. Church;

Columbia Street, Grove City

Monday: 6:00 PM — GriefShare || Support Group

Leesburg Presbyterian Church — Open to All

<u>Tuesday:</u> 7<sup>:00 PM</sup> — Choir Practice

<u>Wednesday:</u> 6<sup>:30 PM</sup> — A Hobbit, a Wardrobe & a Great War Documentary

screening. Pew Fine Arts Aud., GCC. (See Details

below.)

<u>Sunday:</u> 9<sup>:45 AM</sup> — Prayer Time

Next

10<sup>:00 AM</sup> — Sunday School 11<sup>:00 AM</sup> — Worship Service

12:00 Noon — Nominating Committee

- <u>Nominating Committee will begin</u> it's meetings after worship next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September in order to identify congregational officer-candidates for the 2022 calendar year. Gerry Sankey will begin getting in touch with the members of the Nominating Committee.
- <u>For the Narnia / Screwtape / Space Trilogy / Hobbit / Lord of the Rings fans</u> in the congregation: Grove City College will be showing a documentary film based on the book A Hobbit, a Wardrobe & a Great War in the Pew Fine Arts Bldg auditorium from 6:30 to 9:00 PM this-coming Wednesday (Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>). The admission is free, though registration is required. If interested, please call Brenda @ [724]-450-1541.
- The Church Website has been and is being updated. Remember to check: <a href="http://northlibertypc.org">http://northlibertypc.org</a>
- 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: (<a href="http://www.northlibertypc.org">http://www.northlibertypc.org</a>) Under the "Worship" tab at the top.
- <u>FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION:</u> The Christian Ed Committee met and we wanted to advise the congregation of the status of Sunday School, CE, Liberty Lambs-Lions.

<u>Den and Jen Shea</u> have resigned from CE, we regret this, but understand that their family has changed and they have other responsibilities now. Jen also has resigned from Teaching Sunday School, class. Dorry Sankey will now teach this group.

<u>Liberty Lambs-Lions:</u> Adam Carothers/ Terri Pizor have also resigned from this group. Adam is coaching his daughter's soccer team.

<u>Children's Church:</u> Beth Black has resigned from this position, since she has had to take on more responsibility with her job. Dorry Sankey will take over for her.

We are in need of CE, Liberty-Lambs-Lions leaders. There are a number of children who age available to attend.

Are we doing all we can with what GOD has Blessed us with? Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 talks about this: "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Please pray about these openings that need filled so we can continue to introduce Jesus as the Christ and become his disciples and share his love.

In the Love of Christ,

Elder Joyce Youshock, for the Christian Ed. Comm.

• <u>NOTICE:</u> We HAVE returned to normal seating patterns, and singing of hymns and use of hymnals & pew Bibles. Masking <u>is not</u> 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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God Is Good!
People: All the time!

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

Unison: . . . because that is His nature!

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

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #101

- [1] All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with fear; His praise forthtell. Come ye before Him and rejoice.
  - [2] The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make. We are His flock; He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

- [3] O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto. Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly so to do.
  - [4] For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure. His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.
- [5] To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore, From earth and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

#### HYMN:

- "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" # 684
- [1] Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Thru the storm, thru the night, Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Precious Lord; lead me home.
- [2] When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near When my life is almost gone. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, Precious Lord; lead me home.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION:

#### SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

"Just As I Am, without One Plea" # 488

- [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!
  - [3] Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, 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!

# MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON:**

# \* GLORIA PATRI:

Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Gost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen. Amen.

# ## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ###

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: I Corinthians 9:15 - 27

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

ANTHEM: "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Tomlin, Cash & Redman

SERMON: "Imperishable Wreaths:

Do Not Be a <u>Shadow</u> -Boxer!" The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

# ₩₩₩ 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;

But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. <sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

\* THE DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all ye creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Prayer of Dedication:

\*HYMN:

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

# 586

- [1] He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
- [2] He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
  - [3] He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
- [4] He's got you and me, brother, in His hands, He's got you and me, sister, in His hands, He's got you and me, brother, in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

"Shout to the North"

#### 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

**Bruce Martin** 

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)

Bob Johnston (Evelyn Koprivnikar's Brother)

# **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 until October)

Allan Morris (Evelyn Koprivnikar's cousin-in-Law | Colon/Prostate Cancer)

# Health and Other Concerns

Joe Baker (More tests)

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)

# 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**

<u>Joy</u>

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 | Reconciliation)

Dominican Republic Mission Partners Shenango Pres DR Team 2022 Trip Planning

### Shut-ins

June McClelland 1445 Stonelake Cove #5108 Henderson, NV 89074

Erma Campbell –Rm 316B Orchard Manor 20 Orchard Drive Grove City, PA 16127 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

Jackie Bowser 407 North Liberty Road Grove City, PA 16127

Martha Dunlap 354 North Liberty Road Grove City, PA 16127

# 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)