

OUR CHURCH

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Welcome

Welcome to Liberti Church Collingswood and thank you for joining us! We hope that you'll be able to connect with God, God's mission, and other people here this morning. As you've already seen from the cover of this worship folder, we seek to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs. We aspire to pursue this mission through the practice of **worship, community, and mercy** - our three core values.

Info Jaws! Unless you've done it before, please take a second to fill out one of our "Info Jaws" and drop it in an offering box in the foyer as you exit the building. This information is really helpful for us to have as we grow as a community.

Bathrooms are located down the steps from the rear sanctuary entrance and also out the front sanctuary entrance, at the top of the steps.

Nursing Mothers Room is located in Holy Trinity's chapel just outside the front entrance of the sanctuary. Follow the sign!

Liberti Kids - First time? Please register your child by scanning the QR code and then check them in at a Check-In Station.



Nursery: Crawling - 2 years are invited to our Nursery from the Passing of the Peace until the end of the service, down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary just past the main entrance.

2&3s: 2 and 3 year olds are welcome in our 2&3s class (up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Pick up at the end of the service.

4&5s: 4 and 5 year olds are welcome to our 4&5s class (up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Children will be escorted back to the sanctuary before Communion.

Primary: 1st - 3rd Grade are invited to join our Primary class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Children will be escorted back to the sanctuary before Communion.

Liberti Bridge: Liberti Bridge is for 4th and 5th Graders. Bridge kicks off on September 20th and will run on Sundays from 9:30-11am.

Liberti Youth: Liberti Youth is for 6th through 12th Grades. Youth will run from September 6 through the end of May! Our regular meetings are Sundays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Holy Trinity. All of our communications are sent through text messaging, to sign up for our text line, text LY2026 to 856-329-7775.

Consistory The Consistory is made up of our elder and deacon boards. If you're in need of help (whether physical, spiritual, or mental) or simply want to talk to someone more about what our church believes, please reach out at consistory@liberti.org.

Upcoming Events

It's impossible for us to list everything that's going on at Liberti Church Collingswood, but here are a few things happening soon that we would like to highlight.

HOME GROUPS, LIVE NOW!

Nothing says "start of fall" like new Home Meetings! These small groups, a crucial part of our church, are gatherings of a dozen-ish adults that meet weekly with the purpose of equipping and supporting one another to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for our communities. Home Groups will start mid-late September; contact your group leader for a specific date.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY - FALL BRUNCH 9/19 & BIBLE STUDY 11/14

Attention all women of Liberti Collingswood, please sign up from our Women's Ministry Planning Center Group. This will keep you up to date on all women's ministry happenings including Bible studies, social events, retreats, etc. If you have any questions about women's ministry please contact Abigail Capps at absmith823@gmail.com. Save the date- **Fall Brunch on 9/19 & First Bible Study on 11/14!**



WOMEN'S RETREAT, 10/10

The sea is calling and the ladies must answer. The Liberti Women's retreat will be October 10 in Long Beach Island, NJ. Sign ups will go live in Planning Center on September 13th. However, the **last day to sign up is October 5th**. Cost is \$15 but scholarships are available if needed. Contact Abigail Capps at absmith823@gmail.com with questions.

LIBERTI BRIDGE KICKOFF, 9/20

Liberti Bridge kickoff Sunday, September 20. Our regular meetings are Sundays from 9:30 to 11 AM. Bridge is a space for students in 4th and 5th grades to grow in knowing Jesus, while building friendships with other students also seeking to follow him. This year we will be studying the New City Catechism, taking on some service projects, and having a lot of fun. Parents are invited to join us for the kickoff.

URBAN PROMISE - MISSION DAY, 9/19

Liberti is delighted to serve Urban Promise by helping with their Mission Day. On Saturday, 9/19 from 8:30am-1pm, we'll roll up our sleeves to serve, encourage, and strengthen the work of UrbanPromise. Whether you're painting classrooms, beautifying campus spaces, or helping with community projects, every act of service helps create opportunities for Camden's children and youth to thrive. Kids are invited, but no childcare will be provided. Use the QR code to register.



Engage with Us

Whether this is your first time at Liberti Church Collingswood or you have been regularly worshipping with us for some time, we would love to help you take a next step in following Jesus and engaging more deeply in our community.

CONNECT TO A HOME MEETING

Small groups (aka “Home Meetings”) are the primary environment where Christian community is developed and fostered. People are introduced to what it means to be a Christian, encouraged in their relationship with God, and supported to make a contribution to the welfare of people in Collingswood and surrounding boroughs. They also provide an opportunity for intimacy, mutual support, practical service, learning about the Christian faith, prayer, and sharing of what God is doing in our midst. Visit our website to see all the available groups being offered and sign up. If you have any questions about Home Meetings, contact Rebekah (rebekah@liberti.org).

SERVE OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD

There are numerous opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings. Whether it’s setting up, teaching a kids’ lesson, or running the sound board, it takes many volunteers each week to make Liberti Church Collingswood an inviting community for our friends and neighbors. To see all of the volunteer teams open to you, please, visit our website. If you have any questions about serving our church, contact Josh (jpostalwaite@liberti.org). Additionally, we are connected to a number of local and international ministry partners serving in areas from South Camden to South Sudan. To learn more, visit our website or contact Josh (jpostalwaite@liberti.org).

GIVE GENEROUSLY

It is our practice to offer a sacrificial portion of all of our resources – time, skills, possessions – as a tangible act of worship, faith, and gratitude in response to God’s grace and generosity to us in Christ. You can give on Sunday mornings or online. Contact our Finance Team (liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com) if you would like to speak with someone about giving or receive help with your personal finances.

INVITE A FRIEND

Yes, you! If you won't invite your friend to Liberti Church Collingswood, who will?

Gathering Before God

September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTIONS

"Help, I need somebody
Not just anybody
You know I need someone - HELP!"

- Lennon-McCartney

"Unfortunately, there still exists... the quaint superstition that only that which is visible is real. Thus the soul is not real. Then, friend, how come you are shaking?"

- Walker Percy

"But learned people can analyze for me why I fear hell and their implication is that there is no hell. But I believe in hell."

- Flannery O'Connor

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We have now resumed the period of "Ordinary Time" in our liturgical calendar. This season is the longest of the year and falls between other major commemorations in the life of the church. Ordinary Time reminds us that even though much of our lives are, in fact, ordinary—as it was as well for Jesus!—we yet mark these days as occurring in our Lord's world and in our Lord's time. During Ordinary Time, the cloth on our worship table is green, which symbolizes growth into Christian maturity.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before
O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

The Sending

BENEDICTION

*Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and
forevermore, go in peace.*

(2 Cor 13:14)

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

*Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ.*

People: Thanks be to God!

King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of
kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

People: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

People: The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Leader: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

People: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

(from Psalm 19)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God With Us

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us
You are God with us*

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

You are here
You are holy
We are standing in Your glory (Lord)

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. If you are unable to receive Communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: *The Lord be with you*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Leader: *Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.*

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: *Here is the bread of life given for us;
Let all who hunger come and eat.
Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;
Let all who thirst come and drink.*

Holy Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless
peace

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is
mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

*To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall over
come
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

*To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall
repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

When the race is complete still my lips shall
repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, and Father most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath. Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Our sins trouble us, O God. We are troubled by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt ourselves. Your ways are right. Have mercy on us, O God. Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins. To you be honor and glory! Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law...the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

(from Romans 3)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Table

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.

We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed.

We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world.

We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Leader: Let us say what we believe.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
**Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

OFFERING

We encourage our members and regular attenders at Liberti to give to the church! To make a contribution, people are welcome to drop an offering in the box as they exit to the Holy Trinity courtyard, or to give online via the web page linked to this QR code.



The Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 121

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| 1 | I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come? |
| 2 | My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. |
| 3 | He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber. |
| 4 | Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep. |
| 5 | The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand. |
| 6 | The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night. |
| 7 | The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life. |
| 8 | The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore. |

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Speaker: Tucker Else

Title: "Help"

Series: "One Hit Wonders"

SERMON NOTES: