OUR CHURCH

Josh Postalwaite | Pastoral Resident
jpostalwaite@liberti.org

Rebekah Flovin | Administrative Assistant
rebekah@liberti.org

Patrick MacAdams | Digital Ministry Director
patrick@liberti.org

Tyler Mills | Music Director
tyler@liberti.org

Taylor Postalwaite | Liberti Kids Director
taylor@liberti.org

THE LIBERTI COMMUNION

www.liberti.org

Philadelphia | River Wards
Philadelphia | Fairmount
Philadelphia | Main Line
Philadelphia | Northeast
Bristol, PA
Harrisburg, PA
Glassboro, NJ
Glenside, PA | Bridge Community Church
Doylestown, PA | Covenant Church

LIBERTI CHURCH

seeks to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for Collingswood and surrounding boroughs

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 Jawns! Unless you've done it before, please take a second to fill out one of our "Info Jawns" 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.

'FOR OTHERS CAMPAIGN' – FOSTER THE FAMILY, 11/5-11/29

Christmas giving is coming early this year! This year our For Others Campaign will be given towards Foster the Family's Making Memories Gift Baskets project. Foster the Family is one of our local partners whose emphasis is helping support foster children and their families. This Christmas Foster the Family is putting together gift baskets for all the families to help create holiday memories, with blessings such as cozy blankets, gift cards for hot cocoa, a family game, and other Christmas goodies. Since these baskets will be delivered to the families in early December, we will be collecting the funds throughout November. Last day to donate is 11/29. You can donate online or by scanning the QR code.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Advent Candles and Devotionals (Coming soon!)
- Advent Begins (11/28)
- Women's Cookie Exchange and Gift Wrapping Party (12/20)

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

November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTIONS

"The one who bears many afflictions for the sake of Christ, and who suffers many terrors, has received a great reward even before the kingdom of heaven, having already acquired familiarity with God here, and having made his soul so exalted that at last he scoffs at every terror."

— St. John Chrysostom, sermon "On the Resurrection of the Dead"

"Through participation in Christ, we are included in Jesus' status as heir….Life may seem difficult now, but we are in line to receive great honor. All of creation holds its breath for that moment."

— Carmen Imes, *Being God's Image*

"When Paul speaks of 'assurance,' of 'being persuaded', he isn't suggesting that, in order to believe it, you have to shut one eye and ignore uncomfortable realities. It isn't that he has, as it were, talked himself into conviction, and is now going to pretend forever afterwards that everything is fine when it obviously isn't. His conviction, his persuasion, his assurance, all follow from the central 'good news' event of Easter itself. If God really did raise Jesus the Messiah from the dead…then everything follows."

— N. T. Wright, *Into the Heart of Romans*

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

How Can I Keep From Singing?

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord, my Savior, liveth.
What though the darkness gather 'round?
Songs in the night it giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart
A fountain ever springing!
For all things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing

© Public Domain
CCLI Song # 605260
CCLI License # 4560741

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!

Christus Victor (Amen)

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble?
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever

© 2024 Getty Music Hymns and Songs, Getty Music Publishing,
Living Hymns, Love Your Enemies Publishing, and Messenger Hymns
CCLI Song # 7245980
CCLI License # 20092233

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

People: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the king of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this king of glory?

People: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!

(from Psalm 24)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Grace Alone

I was an orphan, lost at the fall; Running away when I'd hear you call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own; I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father you loved me still.

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation,
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station;
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.

You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone; Nothing I did could ever atone,
Jesus, you paid my debt.

By Your blood I have redemption and salvation.
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new creation.
I am born again by grace and grace alone.

I was in darkness all of my life, I never knew the day from the night,
But Spirit you made me see.
I swore I knew the way on my own; Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me.

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken;
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.
So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone.

© 2013 Dead Bird Theology, It's All About Jesus Music, and We Are Younger We Are Faster Music
CCLI Song # 7004659
CCLI License # 4560741

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.

What He's Done

See on the hill of Calvary
My Savior bled for me
My Jesus set me free
Look at the wounds that give me life
Grace flowing from His side
No greater sacrifice

What He's done
What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven
My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

Sing for the freedom He has won
Even death is dead and done
His life has overcome
Speak say the Name above all names
Over every broken place
He is risen from the grave

Now on a throne of majesty
The Father's will complete
He reigns in victory
Sing hallelujah to the King
He is worthy to receive
All the worship we can bring

© 2021 Capitol CMG Paragon, Meadowgreen Music Company, sixsteps Music, Tasha Cobbs Music Group, TeeLee Records Songs, worshiptogether.com songs
CCLI Song # 7189257
CCLI License # 20092233

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call us, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. By our actions and attitudes, we condone what you condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover up my iniquity; I said "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(from Psalm 32)

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 – Romans 8:1-39 (NSRVA

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, **8** and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— **13** for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15** For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' **16** it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; **20** for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the
Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes
for what is seen? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with
patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray
as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. **27** And
God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the
Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who
are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be
the firstborn within a large family.**30** And those whom he predestined he also
called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified
he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not
with him also give us everything else? **33** Who will bring any charge against God's
elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died,
yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for
us. **35** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved
us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor
anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: Scott Carr

Title: "What Is God Going to Do About It?"

Series: "Paul-pourri: Studies in Paul's Letters"

SERMON NOTES: