Lord’s Day, January 1, 2023

New Year’s Day

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate on Ps. 90:12 ESV

*“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”*

Welcome/Announcements Brenda Mangels

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 124:8

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *On Jordan's Stormy Banks/All Glory Be to Christ*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Questions 1 and 2

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Q. 2. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

\*Hymn #30 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heav’nly host:**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Baptism of Hana Yumoto

*We ask that children stay in the sanctuary with their parents, as there is no Children’s Church this week. Children’s Church will resume next Sunday, January 8th.*

Scripture Lam. 3:22-24

Sermon “God's Love and Mercy for a New Year”

\*Hymn #32 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*Benediction

(\* Please stand if you are able.)

**Church Office Hours - week of January 2nd – January 6th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 1/1 Karl Mangels and Danielle Breneman

1/8 Kristen Nichols and John Selby

1/15 Susan Bowen and Carol Bronakoski

1/22 Sue Milligan and Debbie Sisson

**Tech Team for 1/8: Melissa Grainger and Patrick Carter**

Direct website links to church information:

* Prayer / Praise - [www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/)
* Giving - [www.lochravenpca.org/giving/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/giving/)
* Calendar / Events - [www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/)
* Resources - [www.lochravenpca.org/resources/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/resources/)
* Visitor Feedback - [www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/)

Guest Wi-Fi network: LRPC@9318-Guest

Guest Wi-Fi Password:

Church Website: [www.lochravenpca.org](http://www.lochravenpca.org)

**ESOL SNACK SIGN-UP**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby to sign-up to bring snacks for ESOL. There is also a card for you to take to remind you. If you have any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa.

**TUESDAY NIGHT KIDS’ NEEDS**

The **Gathering Kids** and **ESOL Kids** need your help.  Please talk to Brea, Megan, or Rachel about serving on Tuesday evenings.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Monday, January 2, 2023**

12:00 p.m. **ROMEO group**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**

5:30 p.m. **TOPS**

5:45 p.m. **The Gathering**

7:00 p.m. **ESOL**

7:45 p.m. **Missions Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, January 5, 2023**

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study** *The Names of God in the Bible*

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team**

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School Classes**

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Hebrews* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *Ephesians*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *Westminster Confession of Faith*)Room 203

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**BALM (BALTIMORE ANTIOCH LEADERSHIP MOVEMENT)**

As we prepare to end the year, we are especially grateful for your prayers, which enable BALM's ministry to press on!

* Praise God for the gift of Jesus, who redeems us and makes our adoption as sons & daughters possible!
* Pray that God would lead donors to support BALM in end-of-year giving.
* Pray that God would lead 10-12 couples or individuals to sign up for our next Missionary Disciple-Making Pathway course to equip micro-church planters, that begins Jan 11.
* Pray for Craig & Maria Garriott and Stan Long as they lead this organization.  Pray also for Kevin Good as he transitions Baltimore Sports Academy to an independent entity.

**Church News**​

**​CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** If you brought in a Christmas Ornament for the Prayer Tree in the Narthex, don’t forget to take someone else’s ornament home and pray for them and their family.

**COOKBOOK PROJECT**

Do you have that favorite pasta dish that dinner guests always rave about? Are you always asked to make your shepherd’s pie for the potluck dinners?

Recognizing that food plays an important role in promoting fellowship, LRPC is launching a project in which members can share recipes that have special meaning to them - or that are just terrific items to eat! The cookbook will be professionally produced and copies available for sale.

During the month of January in the Narthex you will find a *Cookbook Recipe Submission* form on which you can write your recipe. Please use a different form for each recipe you may submit. The forms should then be placed in the designated box on the table in the Narthex no later than February 1st. So, pull out those recipes from your kitchen drawer and allow others to share the pleasure you’ve enjoyed from them!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has amended the call of the Congregational Business Meeting for Friday, January 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., adding item #4.  The purpose is to (1) Present and Review the 2022 Annual Report; (2) Election of Officers; (3) Elect five members of the congregation to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee, (4) and to review/approve a missions committee request for additional 2022 surplus funds (if available).

**NEW ADULT ELECTIVE CLASS BEGINNING 1/8/23**

Please join us for our next adult elective Sunday School class as we embark on a journey through the Westminster Confession of Faith.  We will have the opportunity to explore this rich summary of the Christian faith together and find out the answers to many of our pressing questions about the Reformed faith.

This elective is a great follow up to our most recent classes on the historic creeds, confessions, and catechisms, as well as the history and beliefs of Presbyterianism.  The course material will mainly be drawn from two excellent books: *Truths We Confess – A systematic exposition of the Westminster Confession of Faith,* by R.C. Sproul and *The Westminster Confession of Faith for Study Classes,* by G.I. Williamson.  It is not necessary to purchase the books to participate, but they are tremendous resources that plumb the depths of the Confession to an even greater level than would be possible in the classroom.  We will meet in Room 203, starting on January 8th.  All are welcome!