Lord’s Day, January 14, 2024

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

Verse to Meditate On 1 Pt. 1:23 ESV

*“…since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God…”*

Welcome/Announcements Nancy Stagge

Prelude

Call to Worship Isa. 6:1-6

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Come, Thou Almighty King*

 *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

The Confession of Faith: *Responsive Reading of Psalm 2*

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

“Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

**The one enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.**

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

**I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”**

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.”

**“You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

Therefore, you kings be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

**Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.**

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

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 #100 “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #432, v. 1: “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**We give thee but thine own,**

**whate'er the gift may be:**

**all that we have is thine alone,**

**a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Scripture Mark 4:1-34 pp. 997-98

*Children’s Church is available for children from grades Pre-K-3. Please exit to the narthex.*

Congregational Hymn “Speak, O Lord” PowerPoint

Sermon “Lord, Give Us Ears to Hear!”

\*Hymn #383 “Almighty God, Your Lot Is Cast”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of January 15th – January 19th**

Monday Church Office closed

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (different hours)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (different hours)

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 1/14 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

1/21 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

1/28 Carol Bronakoski and Brea Duty

2/4 Erin Beerli and Marlene Wawrzyniak

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

1/21 Robbie and Sam

1/28 Ethan and Carol

2/4 Alan and Jeff

2/11 Zach and Patrick

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: ac@lrpcgc

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

**AED LOCATIONS**

An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator that is a device used to send a shock to someone’s heart if that person’s heart should stop beating. LRPC has two AED devices: one on the wall in the Narthex and one on the wall in the lower level. Each has a device for an adult and a child. If anyone should collapse without a heartbeat, call 911, open the AED, and follow the written and recorded verbal instructions found inside the case.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, January 15, 2024**

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

6:30 p.m. **Deacons’ Meeting**

7:00 p.m. **Trustees’** **Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

7:00 p.m. **Hannah Circle**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

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

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

6:00 p.m. **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**PRESBYTERY**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**Children’s Sunday School Classes**

**Adult Classes**

Berean Class (Women): *John’s Letters* Room 202

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Elective Class: Officer Training Room 203

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**CHINA OUTREACH MINISTRIES (COM): IRIS MAURER, U OF MD**

In an email dated January 4, Iris thanked LRPC for our financial support. She also said that Zi has gotten a job and that Jade’s visa sponsorship has been finalized. PTL! She wrote,” My older sister, a believer in Texas, is in hospice at her home, and the doctor doesn’t know whether she has days or weeks. Since I can go down only once, pray for me to know the right time to go down so I can see her while she’s still alive and stay for the memorial service soon thereafter.”

**HOW TO DONATE TO THE RELIEF EFFORT IN JAPAN**

Linda Karner sent the following information for those who would like to donate funds for earthquake relief. "Craig Coulbourne (Japan Field Director) and Jonathan Iverson (Asia Director) gave the greenlight shortly after the earthquake for MTW to open a Compassion Fund to raise funds for MTW to join in providing relief to those impacted by the disaster. This is the link with giving information <https://www.mtw.org/the-compassion-fund> . Funds given will be accessible for any relief activities by MTW Japan that are approved by Craig."

**Church News**​

**UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a Congregational Business Meeting for Friday, January 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose is to (1) Present and Review the 2023 Annual Report; (2) Vote to temporarily waive the trustee limit for the 2024 Officer Election; (3) Election of Officers; (4) Elect five members of the congregation to serve on the 2024 Nominating Committee.

 A request for additional business to be transacted at such meeting may be submitted in writing to the Session. Such a request should be submitted at least three weeks prior to the scheduled meeting for the Session to review and make the required public notices. As specified in BCO 25-2, no business shall be transacted at such meeting except what is stated in the notice. The slate of officer nominees will be presented 30 days before the meeting.

 We are asking that all reports be submitted to the office in time for them to be digitally distributed at least one week in advance and printed for the night of the meeting. We are asking everyone’s cooperation to get your reports in early. We are asking that these reports NOT be read at the meeting, but rather be BRIEFLY summarized at the meeting.

**PRAYER TREE ORNAMENTS FOR 2024**

The prayer tree is down but there are many ornaments left. Each ornament is a chance to pray for the person or family written on the back. The ornaments are hanging on the wall in the narthex. The lowest line of ornaments belongs to our children and the children from CCC. Please take an ornament this Sunday if you have not already done so, but even if you have, please feel free to take the name of a child to pray for.

**Officer Nominations for 2024**

Elder

Brian Duty (2026)

Deacons

Ralph Clark (2026)

Alan Koski (2026)

Steve Hanson (2026)

Walt Russell (2026)

Deacon Assistant

Nancy Stagge (2026)

Trustees

JoAnn Beck (2026)

Sarah Carter (2024)

Paul Englar (2026)

Frank Insley (2024)

Sue Milligan (2026)

Megan Oskamp (2024)

Linda Reter (2026)

John Lewis (2026)

Vicky Lewis (2026)

Please review the names of the officers and speak to the nominees or the session if you have any concerns.

**2024 CHURCH NURSERY NEEDS YOU!**

The church nursery team is looking for two new members to serve during the 11:00 Worship service in the nursery.  You would be serving one Sunday about every other month.  New nursery team members are LRPC members who have passed a background check and completed an application to serve.  The service is live streamed to the nursery so you can somewhat participate in Worship with the children.  Please contact Brea ASAP to apply.

**THANK YOU!**

Pastor David, Pastor Bryant, Nancy Barnes, and Anne Yumoto would like to thank everyone for your generous Christmas gifts. We count it a joy and a blessing to serve the Lord Jesus Christ here at LRPC with you. We are blessed by your encouraging words, your many Christmas cards, prayers, and faithful support. Thank you very much!