Lord’s Day, January 28, 2024

Communion Sunday

*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 Gen. 2:24 ESV

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”*

Welcome/Announcements Nancy Stagge

Prelude

Call to Worship Rev. 19:6-8

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs  *And Can It Be*

*Christ the True and Better Adam*

The Confession of Faith: *Responsive Reading of Psalm 4*

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God.

**Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.**

How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

**Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.**

In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

**Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD.**

Many are asking, “Who can show us any good?”

**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.

**I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

The Confession of Sin

**Benign Lord, I praise thee continually for permission to approach thy throne of grace, and to spread my wants and desires before thee. I am not worthy of thy blessings and mercies for I am far gone from original righteousness; My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion; My early days**

**discovered in me discontent, pride, envy, revenge. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor the multiplied transgressions of later years, my failure to improve time and talents, my abuse of mercies and means, my wasted sabbaths, my perverted seasons of grace, my long neglect of thy great salvation, my disregard of the Friend of sinners. While I confess my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, with self-abhorrence and self-despair, yet to remember that there is hope in thee, and to see the Lamb that takes away sin.**

(Excerpt from "Act of Approach" in Valley of Vision)

\*Assurance of Pardon Is. 53:4-6

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal #735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen, amen.**

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #116 “For the Beauty of the Earth”, v. 5

**For each perfect gift of thine**

**to our race so freely giv'n,**

**graces human and divine,**

**flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise**

**this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Scripture Eph. 5:22-33 p. 1162

*We ask that children stay in the sanctuary with their parents, as there is no Children’s Church on Communion Sundays***.**

Sermon “Christ and the Church”

\*Hymn #469 “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #286 “Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of January 29th – February 2nd**

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. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday Nancy B. off, Nancy S. working.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 1/28 Carol Bronakoski and Brea Duty

2/4 Erin Beerli and Marlene Wawrzyniak

2/11 Jean Bender and John Selby

2/18 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

2/4 Alan and Jeff

2/11 Zach and Patrick

2/18 Robbie and Sam

2/25 Ethan and Carol

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 29, 2024**

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

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**

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

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

**\*NO GATHERING\***

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

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

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

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

8:00 a.m. **Men’s Breakfast**

**Sunday, February 4, 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**

**(see insert)**

**WANNEE AND NEIL THOMPSON, OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP, INTERNATIONAL (OMF) SERVE ASIA**

Pray for Wannee and Neil as they have been ministering in south Thailand (January 10-24).  Pray that the team was able to share about Christ to the students at Waliullah University. Pray for Neil and Wannee as they personally extend their time to visit Manorom, where they lived and ministered for many years. Give them safe travel as they return to the U.S. on February 5.

**Church News**​

**2024 CHURCH NURSERY NEEDS YOU!**

The church nursery team is looking for two new members to serve in the nursery during the 11:00 Worship service.  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.

**HELP US LEARN ABOUT YOUR HEALTH NEEDS**

The Deacons’ Health Ministry team would like to learn about our members’ health needs and interests in order to plan programs that could be of interest and benefit. In order to do so they are asking members to complete a short *Health Ministry Congregational Survey.* The survey can be done online by going to <http://tinyurl.com/LRPCHealthSurvey> . If you are unable to access it online, you can complete a paper copy which you will find on the table in the lobby. After you complete the survey, you can leave it in the envelope on the table.

**UPCOMING WINTER WORK DAY**

On February 10, from 9 a.m. -12 noon, please join us for a winter work day. All are welcome! We are hoping to tackle many inside projects and maybe some outside ones - weather permitting. The inside projects will include extra cleaning in the sanctuary and organizing the fellowship hall closet. Some of the outside projects will include installing the visitor signs, replacing the black grip pads on the steps, and painting the handrails. Thank you in advance for helping us to be good stewards of this building God has given us.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST – FEBRUARY 3**

There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, February 3, at 8 a.m., for all the men of the church. Food will be provided, and we'll have some singing, devotional teaching, and a time of prayer. If you are interested in coming, please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR ACTC FOOD DRIVE**

What better way to show love to our neighbors than by helping to feed the hungry here in our community! Throughout the month of February, the Board of Deacons will be collecting non-perishable food, toiletries, and household items (e.g. toilet paper, laundry detergent, etc.) for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). We can help keep their pantry stocked for the hungry by looking in our own pantries! Please see the February newsletter and/or the e-blast for a complete list of preferred items. As always, financial donations are also welcome—please make a check out to ACTC and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. For any questions, please reach out to Carolyn Clark or Gina Sheets.