Lord’s Day, January 7, 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 Mark 3:35 ESV

*“For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”*

Welcome/Announcements Nancy Stagge

Prelude

Call to Worship Isa. 2:3, 5

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Your Words Are Wonderful (Sovereign Grace)*

 *We Will Feast in The House of Zion*

The Confession of Faith: *Responsive Reading of Psalm 1*

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

**But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

**Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

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”, vv.1-3, 7

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 3:7-35 pp. 996-97

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

Sermon

 “Coming Alongside, Speaking Against, and Standing Apart”

\*Hymn #342 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”, vv.1, 3, 5

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of January 8th – January 12th**

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, 1/7 Carol Williams and Debbie Sisson

1/14 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

1/21 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

1/28 Carol Bronakoski and Brea Duty

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

1/14 Zach and Patrick

1/21 Robbie and Sam

1/28 Ethan and Carol

2/4 Alan and Jeff

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 8, 2024**

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

7:00 p.m. **Session Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

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

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

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

**NO ESOL**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

10:00 a.m. **Lydia Circle**

**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team/Prayer Conference Line**

**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

10:00 a.m. **Blanket Fleece Group**

**Sunday, January 14, 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**

**BALM (BALTIMORE ANTIOCH LEADERSHIP MOVEMENT)**

Praise God that BALM is halfway through the online Missionary Pathway Discipleship micro-church training, The next cohort begins in February. Pray that God would bless those who have been trained and are reaching out to neighbors and friends with the gospel. Pray that God would provide the funding that the organization needs to meet their expenses. Pray for Craig, Maria and Stan as they seek to multiply disciple-making leaders for Baltimore and beyond. Pray for the work of Metro Baltimore Seminary in training leaders.

**Church News**​

**PRAYER TREE ORNAMENTS FOR 2024**

Thank you to all who added their names to the prayer tree. Prayer is one of the best ways to serve your fellow church members throughout the new year. This Sunday, please remove an ornament from the tree (making sure it's not yours or a family member's) and commit to praying for your fellow church member(s) in 2024. May the Lord surprise and bless you through this opportunity to grow in Christlikeness as you serve and get better acquainted with one another.

**UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a Congregational Business Meeting for Friday, January 19, 2023 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 2023 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 BRIEFY summarized at the meeting.

**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.

**TUESDAY NIGHT TOPS GROUP**

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group meets at Church on Tuesday nights, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., and the first meeting you come to is free. We have great fellowship and programs each week to help you take off pounds that you want to lose. We all know how hard it is to lose weight, but with support from people like our group you can achieve your goal. Talk to Carol Bronakoski or Betty Gierhart at church for more information if you are interested.