Lord’s Day, January 8, 2023

*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 Jonah 2:9 ESV

*“But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!”*

Welcome/Announcements Sue Milligan

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 96:1-4

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *The Goodness of Jesus*

*Death Was Arrested*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Questions 3, 4, and 5

Q. 3. How do you come to know your misery?

**A. The law of God tells me.**

Q. 4. What does God’s law require of us?

**A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22 – Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**

Q. 5. Can you live up to all this perfectly?

**A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.**

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 #486 “God, Be Merciful to Me”

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.**

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

Scripture Jonah 3

Sermon “The God of Second Chances”

Bryant Park

\*Hymn #341 “O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us”

\*Benediction

(\* Please stand if you are able.)

**Church Office Hours - week of January 9th – January 13th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 1/8 Kristen Nichols and John Selby

1/15 Susan Bowen and Carol Bronakoski

1/22 Sue Milligan and Debbie Sisson

1/29 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

**Tech Team for 1/15: Zach Mangels and Sam Maddox**

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)

**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 8, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Communicants’ Class starts**

**Monday, January 9, 2023**

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

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

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

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

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

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

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

**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

10:30 a.m. **Rebekah Circle** *Jonah, Joel, Amos*

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

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

**Friday, January 13, 2023**

10:30 a.m. **Health Ministry Leadership Training**

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

**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

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

**Sunday, January 15, 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**

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

A standing request: Unlike older Chinese scholars we used to have, the young students now coming are focused more on fun. **Pray that God will open the hearts of Chinese students to spiritual things, especially the Gospel.**

Just this morning my dentist had to remove a crown with a hole in it and a little decay.  He put in more filling and said to wait a couple of days to see if I have any more pain.  If no problem, he’ll put on another crown the week after next when he’s back from vacation. **Pray that I won’t need a root canal first.**  (Meanwhile, I can chew only on one side, so I think I’ll need to be on a soft food diet.)

**Church News**​

**​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 TODAY!**

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 today.  All are welcome!