Lord’s Day, October 1, 2023

*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 Ps. 51:2 ESV

*“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!”*

Welcome/Announcements Brenda Mangels

Prelude

Call to Worship Ezk. 36:22-28

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs  *His Mercy Is More*

*Living Hope*

The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 40

Q.105. What is God’s will for you in the sixth commandment?

**A. I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or kill my neighbor – not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds – and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.**

Q.106. Does this commandment refer only to killing?

**A. By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God’s sight all such are murder.**

Q.107. Is it enough then that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?

**A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.**

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 #497 “I Need Thee, Precious Jesus”

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.**

Scripture Mark 1:40-45 p. 995

Sermon “Christ's Compassion to Cleanse the Unclean”

\*Hymn #307 “Nothing but the Blood”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of October 2nd – October 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, 10/1 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

10/8 Danielle Breneman

10/15 Kristen Nichols and Anel Coss

10/22 Susan Bowen and Sue Milligan

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

10/8 Zachary and Patrick

10/15 Robbie and Sam

10/22 Ethan and Carol

10/29 Gina and Brian

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/)

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Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

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**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

12:30 p.m. **New Member Class**

12:45 p.m. **Stepping Stones Group**

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, October 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, October 4, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study**

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study (temporarily put on hold)**

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

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

10:00 a.m. **Blanket Fleece Group (change in date)**

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

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

**Adult Classes**

All Adult Sunday School: *Respect the Image* Sanctuary

(classes below resuming in December)

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

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

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**MISSION TO THE WORLD (MTW): LINDA KARNER, JAPAN**

Linda sends the following prayer requests.

1. Please pray for the school as we will be losing our principal next March (to marriage!). The ideal candidate would have all the usual giftedness that a principal needs, but our school also needs someone who is both bilingual and bi-cultural.
2. Please pray that I will be calm and patient with each student, and that there will be an atmosphere of grace in my classroom.

**Church News**​

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!**

The Session is currently leading a 12-week All Adult Sunday School class on healthy communication among church members. We will be using the resource *Respect the Image* by Timothy Shorey. A few copies of the book are still available for purchase.

**STEPPING STONES – FIRST MEETING TODAY!**

All girls in grades 1 through high school are invited to attend a monthly

get-together and mentoring program with the Stepping Stones ladies. Our theme for this year is "Growing Together." We will focus on growing, maturing, and being deeply rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ. Girls, bring a bag lunch and enjoy a variety of fun activities, fellowship, prayer, and scripture-based life application lessons one Sunday a month from 12:45 - 2:30. Please speak with Carol Morrison, Joanne Stevenson, or Sandy Magsamen if you have further questions.

**THE GATHERING**

As of this past Tuesday, The Gathering has started up again. Please join us for a meal and fellowship at 5:45 p.m., followed by teaching and prayer from 6:30-7:30. This year we will be engaging with D.A. Carson's series called *The God Who is There: Finding Your Place in God's Story*. We meet to share fellowship with each other, in the spirit of Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

**ESOL SNACK SIGN-UP**

It's that time of year again when we need you to sign up to donate snacks for our ESOL Program. The items we need are cheese (pre sliced), vegetables & dip or fruit & dip, or baked goods. Please, we only need these items. If you cannot purchase or make something but still want to contribute, please make a monetary donation and mark it for ESOL Snacks (also put $$ on sign-up sheet). The sign-up sheet is in the lobby on the desk. Any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa at 410-805-2805.

**CALLED MEETING BY THE CLERK OF SESSION**

The session is calling a congregational meeting after the morning worship service on Sunday October 8, to vote to extend a call to Bryant Park to serve as Associate Pastor.