Lord’s Day, October 15, 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 Rom. 8:13 ESV

*“For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

Welcome/Announcements Brenda Mangels

Prelude

Call to Worship 1 Pet. 2:9-10

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *And Can It Be*

 *Christ is Mine Forevermore*

The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 42

Q.110. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

**A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God’s sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate, such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandizing; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition he forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.**

Q.111. What does God require of you in this commandment?

**A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor’s good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.**

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 #261 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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 Eph. 4:17-24 p. 1161

Sermon “Two Sides of the Same Coin”

\*Hymn #247 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of October 16th – October 20th**

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**

10/15 Kristen Nichols and Anel Coss

10/22 Susan Bowen and Sue Milligan

10/29 Carol Williams and Debbie Sisson

11/5 Brenda Mangels and John Selby

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

10/22 Ethan and Carol

10/29 Gina and Brian

11/5 Alan and Jeff

11/12 Melissa 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)

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

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

**Monday, October 16, 2023**

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

6:30 p.m. **Deacons’ Meeting**

7:00 p.m. **Trustees’ Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

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

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, October 19, 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**

**Friday, October 20, 2023**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

9:00 a.m. **Fall Clean-Up Day**

**Sunday, October 22, 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**

**Cru, JHU: BRYAN NICHOLS**

God has certainly been gracious. The JHU Bible study is averaging about thirty guys this month. Praise God! Luca, Josh, Jack, and Tank are doing a great job leading and challenging their group to step out in faith for Jesus. Each week, group members are sharing stories of spiritual conversations they are having with believers and nonbelievers. What a blessing! Pray with me for Bay, Cooper, Ethan, Cole, Grady, and Browning - these six guys are particularly hungry to grow in their faith. Discipleship training is the next step for them.**Pray for their willingness to be discipled and to disciple others**.

At JHU, I also supported two outreaches to the international Chinese students through a Chinese church and its two pastors who are friends of mine. The gospel is shared at each one. Praise God for some new Christians through this effort! **Pray specifically for Xiao who prayed to receive Jesus this month and has since been committed to church fellowship**. Praise God!

**Pray with me also for Jerrid at Morgan State University**. I was able to share the gospel with him a few weeks ago and the good news that Jesus offered caused him to begin to weep in the campus Chick-fil-A, which was so humbling for me to witness. Pray for Jerrid to get plugged into church community and a small group. Pray also for his hunger for Jesus to increase to the point of devotion. Please pray for the student body at Morgan State University following a violent shooting on campus. Pray for God's peace and glory to reign over terror, darkness, and fear.

Last, my Sermon on the Mount publication for Cru should be published at the end of the year. What a journey! Please pray for its use in the growth of God's kingdom.

**Church News**​

**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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Operation Christmas Child display is now set up in the church lobby. Please feel free to pick up your labels and boxes (either assembled or unassembled) and begin to fill them. There are other handouts for your reference on the table as well. The last date to bring in your filled box(es) is Sunday, November 12th. LRPC boxes will be delivered to the local collection center during the week beginning November 13th. For any questions, please visit the OCC web site or contact Trish Spicer. Thank you!

**FALL CLEAN-UP DAY**

It's that time of year again! The fall work day is here! Come join us on October 21st from 9 a.m. until 12 noon to complete projects and clean up around the church. We have lots of jobs planned for both inside and outside. Your help is greatly appreciated!