Lord’s Day, October 8, 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 Heb. 9:28 ESV

*“…so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”*

Welcome/Announcements Brenda Mangels

Prelude

Call to Worship Rev. 1:5b-7

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs  *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Praise His Name*

The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 41

Q.108. What is God’s will for us in the seventh commandment?

**A. God condemns all unchastity. We should therefore thoroughly detest it and, married or single, live decent and chaste lives.**

Q.109. Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

**A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why he forbids everything which incites unchastity, whether it be actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires.**

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 #521 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #677

“Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!”, v. 1

**Praise the Savior, ye who know him!**

**Who can tell how much we owe him?**

**Gladly let us render to him**

**all we are and have.**

Scripture Rev. 22:1-7 p. 1234-35

Sermon “ ’Come, Lord Jesus!’ Grief, Joy, and Longing”

\*Hymn #327 “One Day He’s Coming”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

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

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, 10/8 Danielle Breneman

10/15 Kristen Nichols and Anel Coss

10/22 Susan Bowen and Sue Milligan

10/29 Carol Williams and Debbie Sisson

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

10/15 Robbie and Sam

10/22 Ethan and Carol

10/29 Gina and Brian

11/5 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)

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

12:30 p.m. **Congregational Meeting**

**Monday, October 9, 2023**

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

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

**Tuesday, October 10, 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 11, 2023**

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

**Thursday, October 12, 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/Prayer Conference Line**

**Sunday, October 15, 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

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

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**YALË LANGUAGE PROJECT (WBT), PAPUA NEW GUINEA (CAROL HONSBERGER)**

After Carl Campbell’s death in 2017, Carol was appointed the manager of the Yalë Language Project. She and her husband Murray serve with Wycliffe Canada in PNG, working with the Kwomtari people. She recently sent the following prayer requests for the Yalë Language Project.

1. Dedication planned for Easter 2024. Please pray for a worshipful dedication ceremony filled with praise and thanksgiving for the Lord’s blessings.
2. Wide distribution of the New Testaments in both print and audio formats.  Pray for diligence in promotion – the team walks many miles to reach all the villages.
3. Boaz needs to come report on progress re: distribution/ sales and dedication plans.
4. Receptive hearts as the Yalë grow in God’s Word and learn how to apply it in their lives.  Pray that the Father continues to produce lasting fruit for generations to come.

**Church News**​

**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 for after the morning worship today to vote to extend a call to Bryant Park to serve as Associate Pastor.

**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!

**WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BIBLE TRANSLATION?**

Carol Honsberger, manager of the Yale Language Project, also works with the Kwomtari people to translate scripture in their language. She sent the following prayer requests which provide details of Bible translation.

Sept – Nov ‘23

* Stamina for the team as they finish the last 3 chapters of Acts for consultant checking.
* Pray for keen eyes and discernment to see any issues in the text that may need to be changed for consistency and readability.
* For the glossary, footnotes, maps, pictures and other supplemental materials to be clear and precise.
* One essential step in Bible translation is village testing, in which the speakers of the target language listen to short portions of scripture being read and answer basic comprehension questions. This helps us ensure that the translation has a natural flow and is communicating what it should. The Komtari team needs to complete the village testing of Acts.

Dec – March ‘24

* Pray for Murray as he prepares the back translation for the consultant. A Papua New Guinean translation consultant, Kidu Magi, has been booked for March ’24.
* Pray for thoroughness in the consultant checking process and for the translators as they make any edits needed.