Lord’s Day, November 19, 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 Ephesians 5:2 ESV

*“And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”*

Welcome/Announcements Brea Duty

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 136:1-3

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Only a Holy God*

 *In Christ Alone*

The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 47

Q.122. What does the first request mean?

**A. *Hallowed be your name* means, Help us to really know you, to bless, worship, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means, Help us to direct all our living – what we think, say, and do – so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.**

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 #98 “Now Thank We All Our God”

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 Ephesians 5:3-14 p. 1162

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

Sermon “Let There Be Thanksgiving”

\*Hymn #116 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of November 20th – November 24th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Friday: Church Office Closed

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

11/26 Erin Beerli and Marlene Wawrzyniak

12/3 Jean Bender and John Selby

12/10 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

 11/26 Ethan and Carol

12/3 Alan and Jeff

12/10 Zach and Patrick

12/17 Robbie and Sam

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**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

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

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

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

6:30 p.m. **Deacons’ Meeting**

7:00 p.m. **Trustees’ Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

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

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

**The Gathering is not meeting this week**

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

**Thursday, November 23, 2023**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**Friday, November 24, 2023**

**\*CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED\***

5:45 p.m. **Ladies’ Circle**

**Sunday, November 26, 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

4:30 p.m. **Ordination/Installation Service for Braynt Park**

 **(followed by dinner)**

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Tuesday this week because of the holiday.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**SAMARITAN’S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Pray for all of the logistics Involved In sorting shoeboxes and getting them ready for transport to different areas of the world. Pray for the volunteer workers and for the children who will receive the shoeboxes. Pray that the children will learn of God’s love and grace.  Praise God that many of our congregation packed shoeboxes.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CCC**

On December 10, at 6:45 p.m., we will be hosting Tom Homans and some of the young people that participate in the activities at the Christian Community Center. We will sing Christmas carols and hear a report from Tom on what is happening at the Center.  A major activity will be presenting gifts to the visitors.

Annually we gather to provide helpful gifts for the Center to share with the young people.

Tom has provided a list of items that would be appreciated; a copy of that list is inserted in this morning’s bulletin. There will also be copies of the list available on the table in the Missions Corner.

**Church News**​

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR 2023**

You can now order your Christmas poinsettias! We are ordering 25 poinsettias to start with, but we can add more to our order up until the end of November as needed. Since there is a deadline for ordering, please place your order no later than Tuesday, November 28. After that, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to add to our initial order.

All flowers will be $10 apiece and will include a 6” pot cover. We ask that you place your payment in the offering plate (or the mailbox if you typically mail it in) the Sunday after you have placed your order. You can also drop off your payment during office hours if you prefer. Please remember to note on your check that it is specifically for Christmas flowers.

We will once again not be using order forms this Christmas. Therefore, all orders must be placed by either calling or emailing the church office. Please call during church office hours if you are ordering by phone, so that I can verify the spelling of names, etc. All information should be included when you call or email. This includes:

1. Name of person/people ordering
2. Number of poinsettias, and
3. If you are giving flowers in honor of or in memory of a particular person or people.

**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 on a clipboard on the board marked GIVE in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa at 410-805-2805.

**STEPPING STONES**

Don’t forget that the Stepping Stones group will be meeting again today from 12:45-2:30. All girls in grades 1-9 are welcome to come! Please talk to Carol Morrison if you have any questions.

**ANNUAL WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS TEA**

The Women's Christmas Tea will be **Saturday, December 2 from 7pm to 9pm**. Please contact Joyce Park if you would like to help out with the Tea, or need a ride to the church that evening. We are asking everyone to bring a tray full of goodies to share. Just pick up a tray in the narthex then fill it with your favorite cookies, fruit or cheese & crackers and bring it to enjoy with the tea. If you have a special tea pot, we can use that too! We are looking forward to a wonderful time of music, crafts & fellowship while celebrating the coming of our Lord.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you to everyone who brought a box for the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child Program. Sixty-three boxes from our church were delivered today. If you forgot to bring your box on Sunday, please go to the Samaritan’s Purse website and type in your zip code to find the closest place where you can deliver your box this week.

**CHRISTMAS SEASON CHORAL OPPORTUNITY**

Would you like to sing in a choral ensemble this Christmas season? We will be rehearsing an arrangement of the hymn “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” with four-part harmony. We will rehearse right after the church service for half an hour from Nov. 19th- Dec. 17th and then perform on December 24th. There are five after-church rehearsals but if you miss one or two you can still participate and there is also an audio track to help rehearse at home. If you are interested, please let Rachel Stenger (praiseteamlrpc@gmail.com) know so we have enough sheet music for everyone, and stay after this Sunday for our first rehearsal!

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER & LRPC TALENT SHOW!**

SIGN UP NOW to share your talents at the Christmas Talent Show on Sunday December 10th at 6:45pm.  All ages welcome!  Contact Brea with questions.  Please use the link below to register to perform:

<https://forms.gle/oAUWbeSjGqxEDqbX7>