Lord’s Day, November 27, 2022

Communion Sunday/1st Sunday of Advent

*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 on Matt. 1:22-23 ESV

*“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).”*

Welcome/Announcements Gina Sheets

Lighting of the Advent Wreath 5th- 8th grade Sunday School class

 All I want for Christmas is....

Prelude

Call to Worship Rev. 21:1-4

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs: *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery/Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

\*The Confession of Faith: Responsive Reading of Psalm 96 (Hymnal, p. 819)

Sing to the LORD a new song: sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

**tremble before him, all the earth.**

Say among the nations, “the LORD reigns.”

**The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

**let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.**

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.**

\*The Confession of Sin (from *Eerdman’s Book of Famous Prayers,* pg. 45, selection by Thomas Cranmer)

**Almighty God,**

**Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; so that on the last day, when he shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon Rev. 22:17

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal #735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #97, v. 1

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Special Music *The First Noel/What Child is This* Gloria Coleman

*We ask that children stay in the sanctuary with their parents, as there is no Children’s Church on Communion Sundays***.**

Scripture Isaiah 7:14

Sermon “God with Us - the Light of Prophecy”

\*Hymn #194 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #431 “A Parting Hymn We Sing”

\*Benediction

(\* Please stand if you are able.)

**Church Office Hours - week of November 28th – December 2nd**

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, 11/27 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

12/4 Sue Milligan and Ellen Metzger

12/11 Mirv Metzger and Carolyn Clark

12/18 Melissa Grainger and Edie Milligan

**Tech Team for 12/4: Alan Koski and Jeff Oskamp**

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:

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, November 27, 2022**

12:30 p.m. **Missions Trip 2023 Planning Meeting**

**Monday, November 28, 2022**

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

**Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

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

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

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

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

**Thursday, December 1, 2022**

9:30 a.m. **Adorned Bible Study** *Adorned*

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

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

**Friday, December 2, 2022**

6:00 p.m. **Annual Congregational Budget Meeting**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

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

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Hebrews* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *Heaven*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *On Being Presbyterian* Room 203

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**(see insert)**

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CCC**

**On Sunday, December 11, 2022**, we will host Tom Homans and a number of the students who attend the Christian Community Center. The Missions Committee will provide a pizza supper for the CCC kids, with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a puppet show performed by Heavenly Hands. We’ll sing some Christmas carols and also hear from Tom about his work at the Center. Cookies and beverages will be served after the program. Tom has promised to send a list of ideas for gifts to help us provide needed and desired things.

**Church News**​

**​UPCOMING ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA**

The Women’s ​M​inistry is looking for ladies interested in helping to plan the Christmas Tea. Please let Patty DeRosa or Rachel Stenger know if you would like to be involved. You can also email them at the Women’s Ministry’s new email address, which is womenlrpc@gmail.com.

​The Women's ​Christmas Tea will be on Saturday, December 10, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the church.  Come and enjoy an afternoon of song, discussion, friends, and fellowship...and of course tea and cookies!

**NEEDED FOR THE WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS TEA**

The Annual women's Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, Dec 10 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. Here are some of our needs:

1. teapots, and cookies (which can be store bought or home baked). The teapots should be brought to the church no later than Thursday December 8. If possible, please bring the cookies on a platter (ready to serve) to the church by Saturday, December 10. There are trays in the lobby that can be used; just see Patty De Rosa.
2. young men to serve behind the scenes the day of the tea to help put out the tea and cookies.
3. help setting up the tables and decorations on Thursday Dec 8.
4. help cleaning up when the Tea is over

There will be sign-up sheets in the lobby if you can help with any of the above. If you have any questions, please see Patty De Rosa.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR 2022 – JUST 5 MORE DAYS LEFT TO ORDER!**

You can now order your Christmas poinsettias! Our florist is asking that we have all of our orders in by the beginning of December, so the latest you can order will be Friday, December 2. Please make sure that you have your order in by this date, as they may not be able to add to our order after that.

 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 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 the flowers in honor of or in memory of a particular person or people.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING**

The Session has called a Congregational Budget Meeting for Friday, December 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.  The purpose is to present the proposed church operating budget for the 2023 calendar year, as approved by the Session and in cooperation with other church boards and committees. No other business is normally conducted at this meeting.

**O​PERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

​This year's Operation Christmas Child campaign has concluded, and LRPC collected 39 boxes, which were delivered to Trinity Life church this week. Thank you to all who participated. We ask everyone, even if you were not able to physically or virtually pack a box this year, to please pray for the children (and their families) who will receive the gospel message with their shoe box and for the impact of that gospel message in their lives. To God be the glory!